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A new picture of the Iron Chancellor, Mr. Philip Snowden.

## ATLANTIC FLIGHT DRAMA.

## DAYS ADRIFT ON WRECKAGE.

## THREE AIRMEN FOUND ALIVE.

New York, Sept. 21.

A vivid story of grim adventure lies behind a dramatic message flashed from Halifax, Nova Scotia, announcing cryptically the rescue, six days after their disappearance, of the German and Portuguese airmen whose attempted Atlantic flight was thought to have ended in tragic disaster.

They were picked up some time to-day, when is not quite clear, by the Norwegian steamer Belmoira, which sighted the wreckage of their Junkers aeroplane and investigated, never thinking that the airmen would be found alive.

All three—Messrs. Willy Rody, Christlun Johnson, and Costa Viegas—were, however, still clinging to the wreckage, which must have drifted for days in the open sea.

The wreckage was found about eighty miles off Cape Pine, Newfoundland, and it is considered remarkable that it had not sunk ere this. The plane, though specially constructed for the trip, was a land-machine, and the general opinion had been that it could not have remained afloat for more than a few hours.

The airmen left Portugal on September 13 in an attempt to reach New York nonstop. They were using a plane of the same type as that employed by Koehl, von Huenefeld and Major Fitzmaurice in their successful East-West crossing which ended on Greenly Island.

Last Seen on the 15th.

They were last sighted some miles off Cape Race, and from that time nothing more was heard of them. A thick fog prevailed at the time and it was felt that it had claimed them as victims.

Their dramatic rescue in such circumstances, so long after they met with mishap, is unprecedented in the annals of ocean flying.—*Reuter.*

## NEW ZEALAND ALSO SHAKEN.

## PROLONGED QUAKE OVER WIDE AREA.

Wellington, N.Z. Sept. 21.

A prolonged earthquake, apparently centred at Hawkes Bay, was felt at 1.10 a.m. in both islands, North and South, from Auckland to Christchurch.

Sleepers in many countries were awakened and articles were hurled from shelves at Napier, the scene of the catastrophe early in the year.—*Reuter.*

# DRAMATIC COMMONS SCENE IN GOLD STANDARD DEBATE.

Whole Nation to Pull Together in Crisis: Labour Assurance.

## BRITAIN PREPARED FOR THE ECONOMIC FRAY.

VALUE OF POUND | COST OF LIVING  
DROPS TO 16/10. | RISE WARNING.

## MR. SNOWDEN'S CONFIDENCE.

BRITAIN'S desertion of the gold standard is now an established fact. The Bill authorising the steps passed through all stages of Parliament yesterday and received the Royal Assent before nightfall. Practically every nation in the world has been affected. The majority of stock exchanges were closed down yesterday in order to prevent a panic. Sterling quotations are purely nominal, but some heavy writing down has taken place, and the unofficial quotation in gold dollars yesterday was 4.25, the £1 at this figure being worth in London 17/9. In New York, the nominal quotation was 4.05, a sterling value of 16/10½.

The Hongkong dollar was nominally quoted at 1/0¾d. on opening this morning, also a direct result of the sensational developments in Britain.

Enquiries in banking circles this morning regarding the effect of Britain's abandonment of the gold standard showed that silver was up 1½d. in London yesterday. The opening rate of the dollar locally this morning was 1s. 0¾d. nominal, but inter-bank business was done as high as 1s. 1¾d. At the close this morning, the market was weaker, with buyers coming out at 1s. 1½d.

A brilliant speech by Mr. Philip Snowden was the prelude to the acceptance of the Government's emergency Bill, but the most striking feature of dramatic sitting of the House of Commons was the reformation of the Labour Party, their change of attitude towards the financial crisis. Mr. Arthur Henderson gave the Government an assurance that the Labour Party would do their utmost to avoid anything calculated to produce a panic at home or abroad.

## NO RISK OF INTERNAL INFLATION.

London, Sept. 21.  
Following the Government's decision last night to suspend the Gold Standard, the Cabinet met this morning and immediately after the question time in the Commons, the Prime Minister introduced a Three Clauses to amend the Gold Standard Act of 1925.

The Prince of Wales occupied a seat over the clock and an animated, almost excited, House assembled to hear Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer move the second reading.

Mr. Arthur Henderson afterwards announced that the Labour Party would not oppose the Bill.

In the Lords, a Government statement was made by the Foreign Secretary, Lord Rothermere.

The Bill having passed through all its stages in both Houses, by emergency procedure will receive the Royal Assent late to-night.

The Stock Exchange was closed to-day and there were no official dealings in foreign exchanges, but banking and other business proceeded as usual and the public displayed no trace of nervousness.

In general, an optimistic feeling prevails that the spectacle of a great financial Power such as Britain forced off the Standard, not through any internal weakness, but by the malfunctioning of the world monetary system, followed by the demoralisation of exchanges, will have a salutary effect in awakening world opinion to the need for concerted action to deal with the fundamentals of the depression.

Messages from abroad indicate that the nature of the emergency with which the country was faced is well understood, and the courage of the action taken is appreciated. It is announced that the Stock Exchange will remain closed to-morrow.

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In the absence of official quotations only a very small volume of foreign exchange business was done at tentative rates. The dollar rate was unofficially quoted at \$4.25.

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The Gold Standard Amendment Bill provides for suspension "unless and until His Majesty by proclamation otherwise directs" of the section of the Act of 1925 which requires the Bank of England to sell gold at fixed price. The Third clause authorises the Treasury to take such measures as may be expedient in connexion



Mr. Lloyd George is making a good recovery from his severe illness as this picture shows. He yesterday issued an appeal to the nation, deprecating suggestions of an early election.

with exchanges and the difficulties from the suspension of the Gold Standard.

Moving the second reading, Mr. Snowden said the Bill imposed no restriction on importation or exportation of gold, or on the free transit of gold placed in the safe custody of the Bank of England by foreign governments or central banks.

Moreover, where Britain was under obligations in foreign currencies, they would continue to be punctually met.

After tracing the history of the gold withdrawals from London, Mr. Snowden said that efforts were made to obtain money owing to Great Britain, and after ascertaining that certain foreign com-

ments to Britain could not be called in, the decision to go off the gold standard had to be taken.

On Saturday, the Bank of England informed the Prime Minister that the credits obtained from France and America were practically exhausted. The foreign assets still held in London exceeded the bank's gold and the Government therefore decided it was contrary to the national interests to allow further gold to go.

Further export would have benefited those who showed the least confidence in sterling at the expense of those who maintained their balances in London.

There was no evidence, said the Chancellor, that British nationals were substantially exporting capital and drastic steps would be taken, with the co-operation of the foreign banks in London, to prevent such sales to the utmost.

## Government's Powers.

The banks would scrutinise demands for exchange to prevent purchases or conversions other than for bona-fide commercial requirements.

The Government, however, were taking powers to support and reinforce, if necessary, the voluntary action of banks.

Mr. Snowden went on to say that the Government was considering the possibility of mobilising foreign securities which might form a reserve.

## Gold Redistribution.

Turning to the general aspect of the situation, the Chancellor said the unequal distribution of the world's supply of gold had long been under the consideration of the British Government and the Bank of England, and they had sought to promote international co-operation towards finding a remedy.

They would have called a conference but it was made abundantly clear that such proposals would have been unwelcome to other Powers and therefore foredoomed to failure.

It might be that the present crisis would bring home the need for a new international conference.



The three survivors of the Kwongsang disaster arriving at the Harbour Office to give evidence at to-day's inquiry. They are, left to right: Wong Fu-tin, Lee Bai-yuen and Soo Kwai-yuen. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

## THREE AMERICANS REPORTED KILLED IN MUKDEN.

## JAPANESE EMPLOYING TANKS ON SHANGHAI PATROLS.

## Naval Protest Upheld.

## NO HIGHER CUT THAN 10 PER CENT.

London, Sept. 21.  
The forceful protests of the Lower Deck, the army and teachers, against the drastic cuts planned under the Government's economy programme, have had the effect desired.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, announced in the House of Commons to-day that in order to avoid hardships, the reductions in the pay of teachers and the defence services will not be more than ten per cent. except in the higher ranks of commissioned officers.

The further indication that the higher ranks of non-commissioned officers were not to be granted alleviation, was incorrect.

The Premier added that the balance of the budget will be maintained in spite of the concessions.—*Reuter.*

## FRENCH PREMIER FOR U.S.

## M. LAVAL GOING TO AMERICA.

Paris, Sept. 21.  
President Hoover has, through the American Ambassador, officially invited M. Laval, the Premier, to go to Washington. It is understood that M. Laval will accept the invitation after his visit this week to Berlin.—*Reuter.*

## DEMPSEY FREE. GRANTED DIVORCE AT RENO.

New York, Sept. 21.  
It is learned from Reno, Nevada, that Jack Dempsey has been granted a divorce from Estelle Taylor, the noted acrobat.—*Reuter's American Service.*

The silk forwarded from Hongkong by the Empress of Russia on the 28th August arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hoboken on the 18th September, having been 21 days in transit.—*Reuter.*

## TOKYO CABINET QUARREL.

## DEVELOPMENTS IN MANCHURIA.

Three Americans, members of the staff of a tobacco company in Mukden, are reported to have been killed in the course of the Sino-Japanese clash prior to Japanese occupation of the city.

The report emanates from Chinese sources and has not been confirmed.

The Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent cables this morning stating that the Japanese authorities in the International Settlement are growing increasingly apprehensive regarding the possibility of outbreaks of violence.

The further precautionary measures taken include the assignment of a force of tanks, which are assisting the Marines in patrolling the danger areas. The tanks kept up a steady patrol through the night in Hongkong.

Machine gun posts have been installed at strategic positions in the same district, and the Japanese military leaders are ready for any emergency.

## Customs Officer Killed.

The Rensha Agency have received a report announcing that Mr. Han Lin-san, the Superintendent of the Tientsin Customs was killed in Mukden on Friday night when he attempted to leave the threatened zone. The driver of Mr. Han's car was not aware of his death until he arrived at his destination.

## Gunboats for Hankow.

Shanghai, Sept. 22.  
Nationalist Government officials express grave apprehension over the developments in Manchuria. Further uneasiness and unrest was caused by the arrival yesterday of eleven Japanese gunboats while four Japanese gunboats passed through in the afternoon for Hankow.

A telegram from Chinwangtao says that two Japanese gunboats arrived in port yesterday. The Japanese made no attempt to land forces.—*Reuter.*

## Kirin Occupied.

Tokyo, Sept. 22.  
A message from Changchun states that Japanese troops have occupied Kirin.—*Reuter.*

## DISASTER INQUIRY.

## SURVIVORS GIVE EVIDENCE.

## Kwongsang's Fate.

Much of the mystery that has surrounded the loss of the Jardine steamer Kwongsang was cleared up this morning, when the three Chinese survivors told the story of the vessel's sinking to the Marine Court of Enquiry. Theirs was a simple story of how a fierce typhoon had literally swamped the steamer and sent it to the bottom, leaving those on board at the mercy of the mountainous waves.

It was only after clinging to pieces of wreckage for nearly two days that three survivors were washed ashore.

The Hon. Comdr. Hole, Harbour Master, presided, and with him on the bench were Lieut. Cmdr. L. G. Addington, R.N., of H.M.S. Tamar, Capt. R. A. Pritchard, master of the Borneo, Capt. F. S. Jenkins, master of the Changchow and Capt. C. Stringer, master of the Kwangchow.

Those in Court included Mr. W. Sanderson, Superintendent Engineer, Capt. D. Skinner, Marine Superintendent, Mr. E. F. Aucott, Manager of the Indo-China S. N. Co., Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson for the Company, and Capt. T. T. Laurensen, D. S. C., of the China Coast Officers' Guild.

## Survivors not Fully Recovered.

All the three survivors were allowed to give their evidence seated. Mr. Johnson remarking that they had not fully recovered from the effects of their 48 hours' ordeal in the water.

According to Lee Bai-yuen, fireman on the Kwongsang, the vessel ran into bad weather when less than a day out from Shanghai. At midnight on August 9, the No. 1 fireman told him that the captain had given orders to drop anchor, but this was not done in view of the storm which was rapidly increasing in strength.

## Typhoon Force.

It was impossible to sleep that night, declared witnesses, owing to the heavy rolling. The gale increased to typhoon force the next day and early in the morning the captain gave orders for the balling out of the water that had entered the No. 2 hold through the hatch.

Mr. Johnson:—Are you sure that the water entered through the hatch?—Yes.

Lee went on to describe the events of August 10, when he and the full force of the typhoon struck the ship and kept it pitching and rolling.



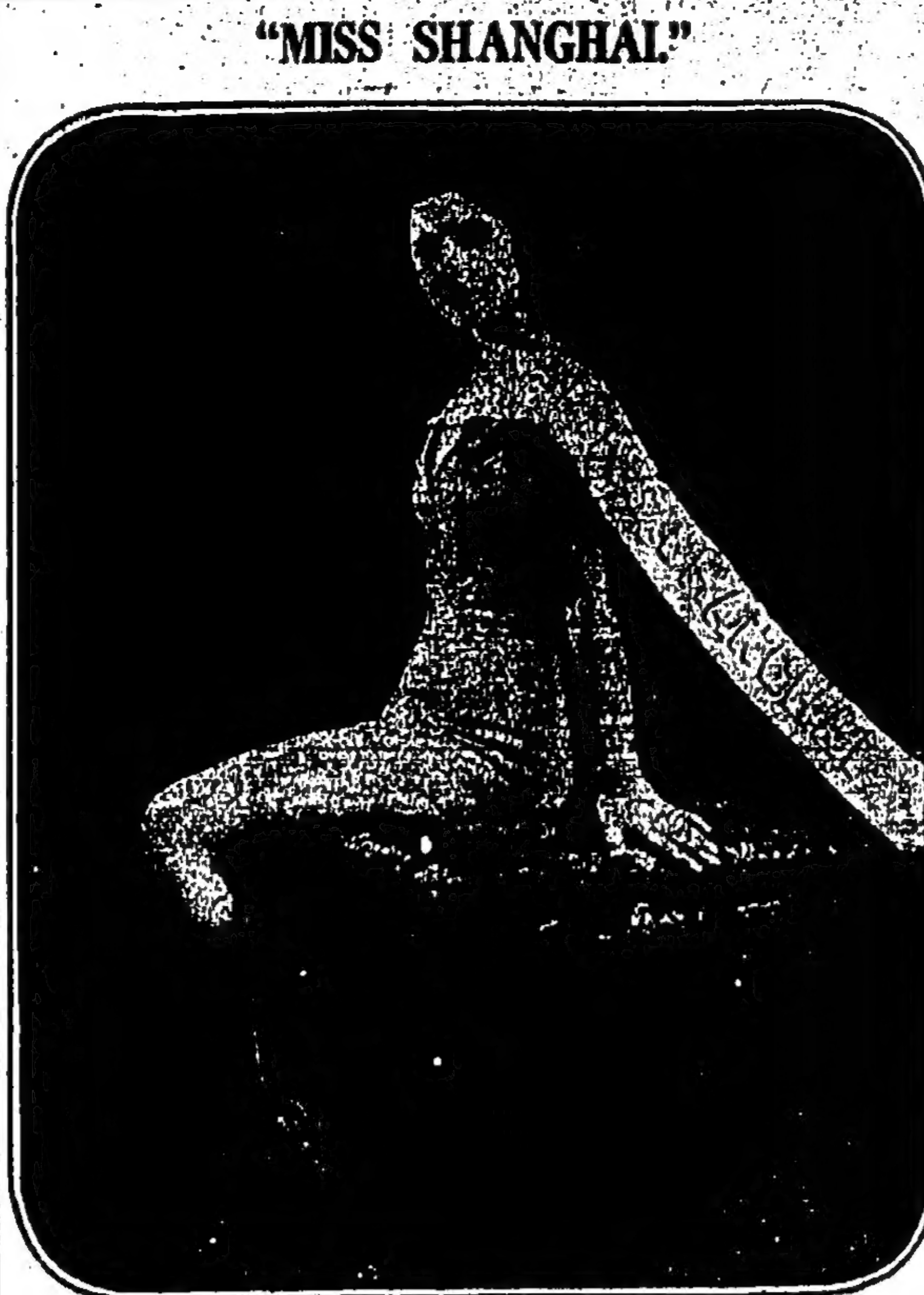
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**GOLD STANDARD DECISION.**

**ELASTIC CURRENCY TO FOSTER TRADE.**

**SILVER QUERY.**

London, Sept. 21.  
"The suggestion seems impracticable," declared Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in the House of Commons this afternoon, when replying to a question whether the Government would consider the extent to which it would be possible to restore trade with the Far East by establishing a silver basis for British currency.—*Reuter.*

**A Good Reception.**

London, Sept. 21.  
The announcement of the partial suspension of the Gold Standard Act, which is understood to be for six months, has had a remarkably good press. Several newspapers appear to share Mr. W. J. Bryan's view, of the gold standard as "crucifying humanity."

The chorus of approval is led by the *Daily Mail*, which says: "Welcome news. The temporary suspension of the gold standard (which may prove in effect a complete suspension) may be a blessing to British industry. The gold standard has cost us tens of millions and almost ruined us. Now it has gone we may breathe more freely."

The *Daily Express* is equally enthusiastic. It says: "Nothing more heartening has happened in years. Now

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The *Daily Herald* describes the Government's step as "wise and salutary."

The *Times* says: "The Government's decision is wise and will be sure to benefit not only this country but the whole world."

Some of the newspapers declare that the Government's step obviates temporarily the possibility of an early general election, against which Mr. Lloyd George throws his influence in a message to the press in which he says: "If the nation remains steady and united, we shall pull through all right. Our resources are quite adequate to meet the situation but... a faction fight amongst ourselves at this juncture would be unpatriotic lunacy."

Mr. Lloyd George asserts that the mere threat of an election precipitated a crisis but "British common-sense, if given a chance, will find a way out."

Meanwhile the Prince of Wales, who had intended to go to Balmoral to join the King and Queen decided to remain in London after a visit to Chequers yesterday, where he had lunch with the Premier, who in the course of a long conversation fully explained the situation.

Mr. Snowden will broadcast an address on the Government's decision at 9.15 p.m. on the 21st.—*Reuter.*

**Britons Surprised.**

London, Sept. 21.  
People rubbed their eyes this morning in surprise when they read from the newspapers an account of yesterday's striking Government action. It was all so unexpected. The majority of people were quite unfamiliar with the intricate subject of the gold standard, and animated conversations consequently took place in trains conveying workers of all classes to town in an attempt to grasp the significance of the decision, and how it was likely to affect them. If at all.

City folk, including the stock-brokers, were no less astonished than others. The effect was noticeable in Throgmorton Street and the approaches to the Stock Exchange, which are usually crowded about 10 o'clock, but were strangely deserted owing to their closing, on a Government order. Stockbrokers are, however, inside their offices. It is recognised

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that the reason for closing is to prevent the markets being choked with sales from abroad.  
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It is fully recognised that the country's ultimate resources are enormous, and that the internal position of the country, which is one of the few in the world to have balanced its budget, is perfectly sound, and that the decision to go off the gold standard is not because of internal financial difficulties.  
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**Loss of weight**

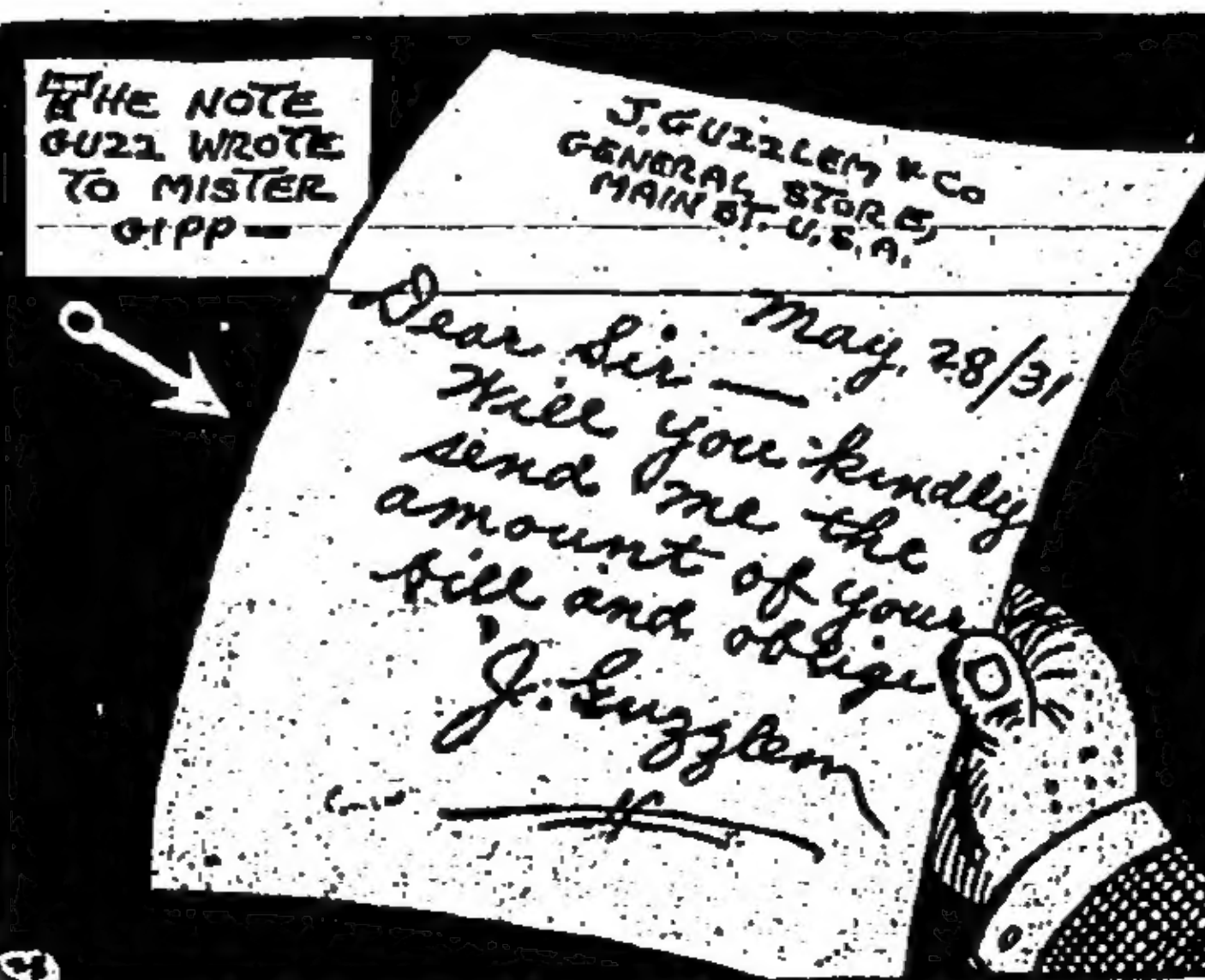
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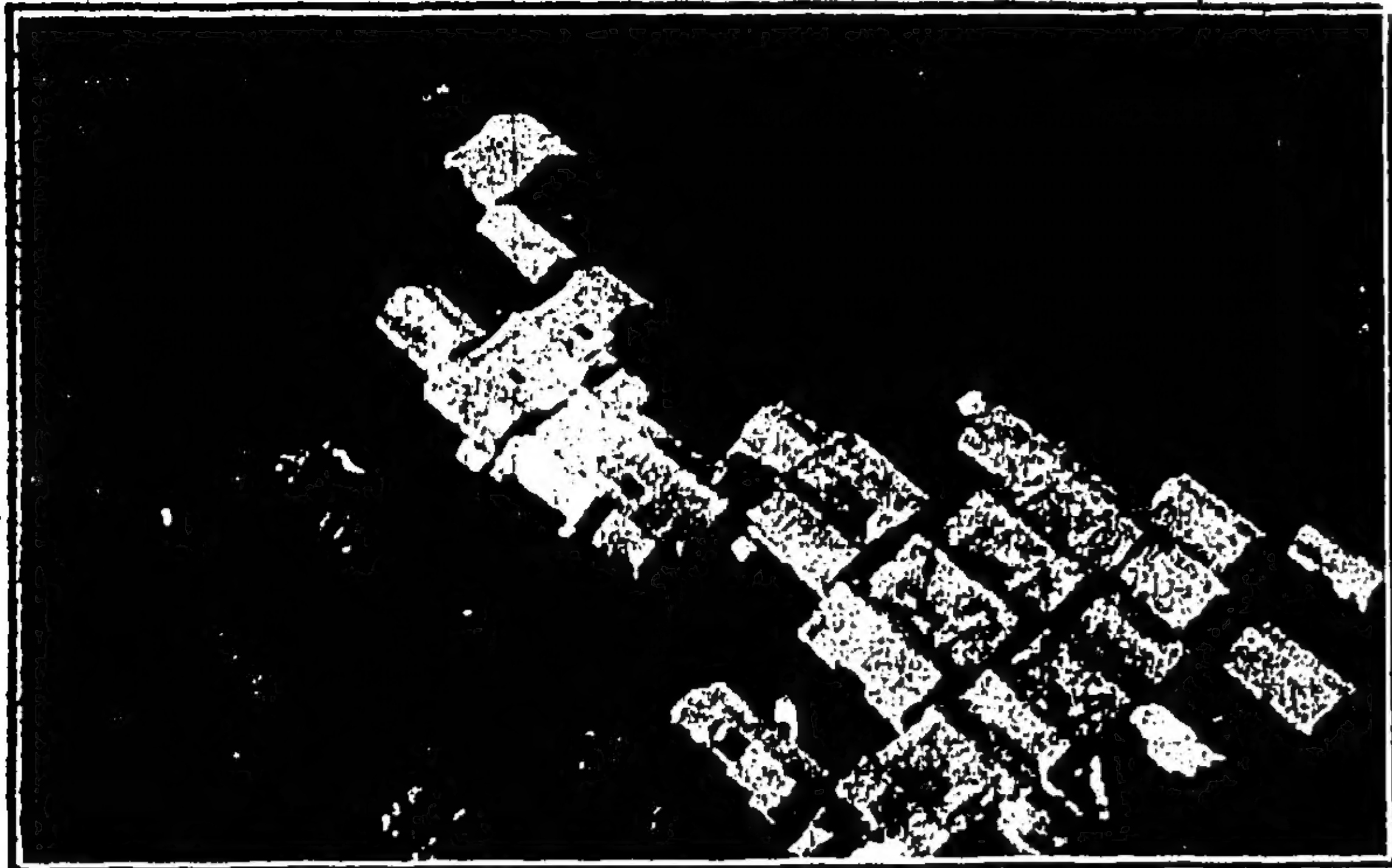


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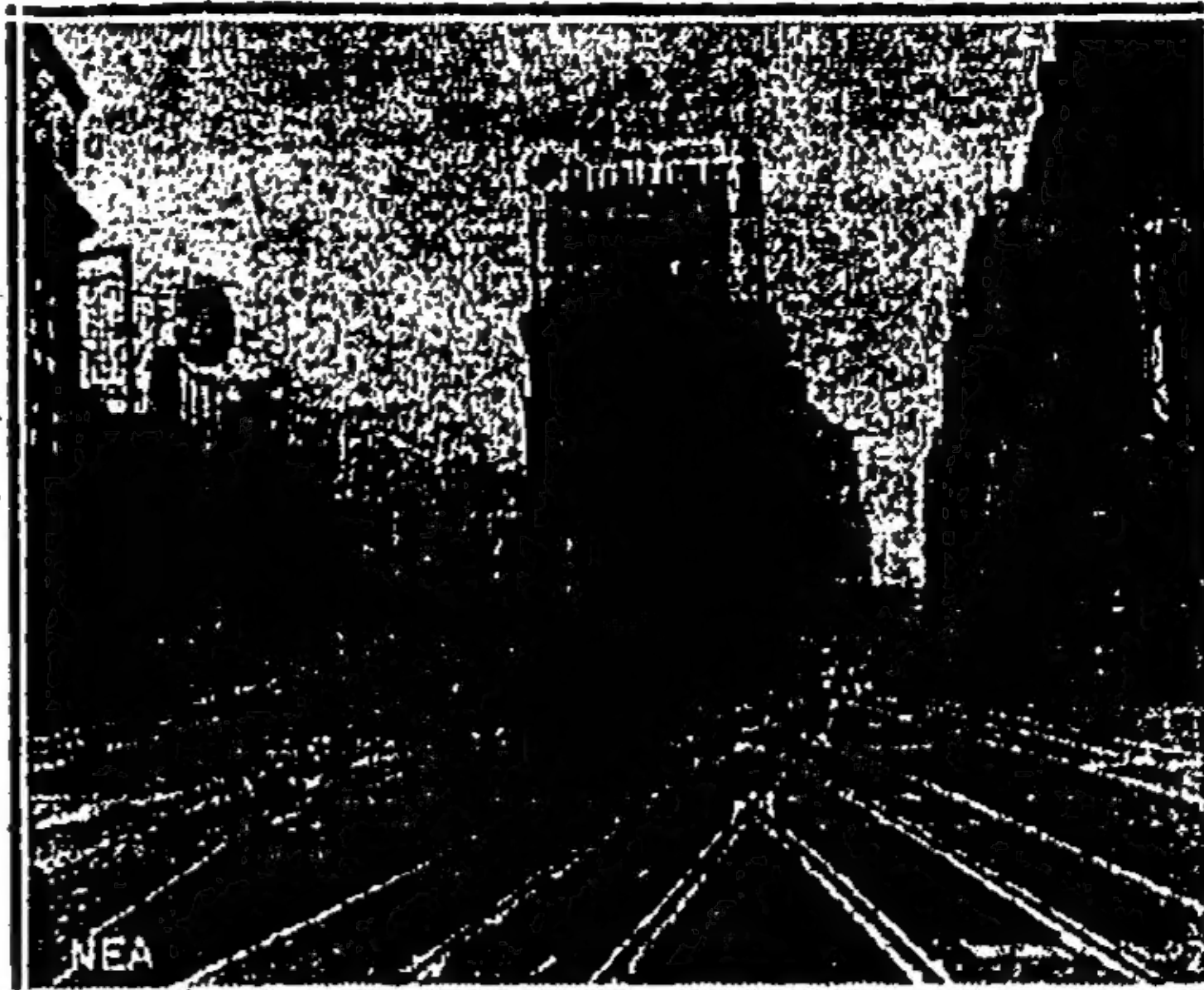


## THE RELENTLESS YANGTSE.

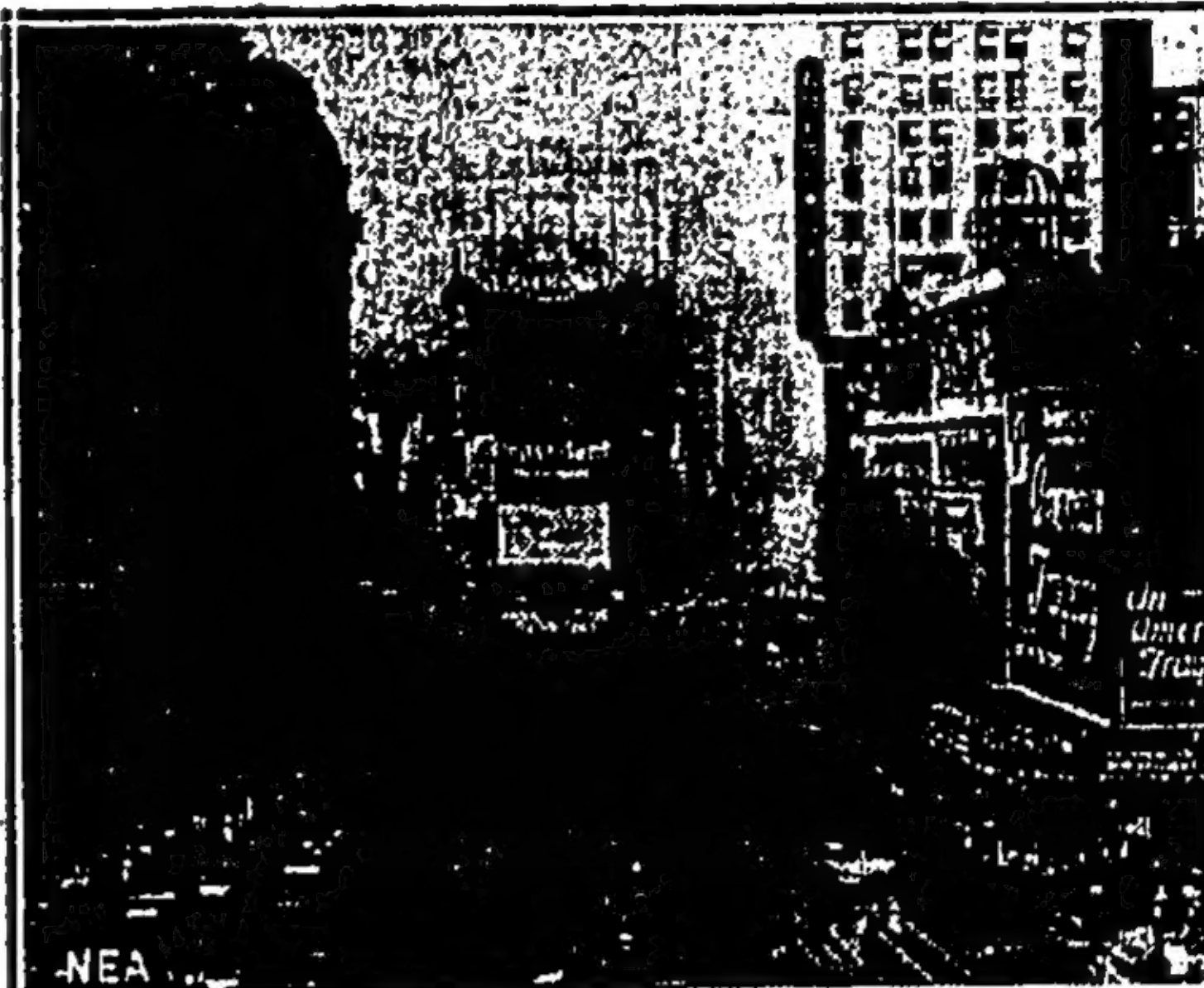


This is not a Papuan village in New Guinea where the aborigines build themselves little huts resting on wooden supports driven into the water to protect themselves against enemy depredations, but a little village on the Yangtze (Shackwan) which has felt the full fury of the floods.

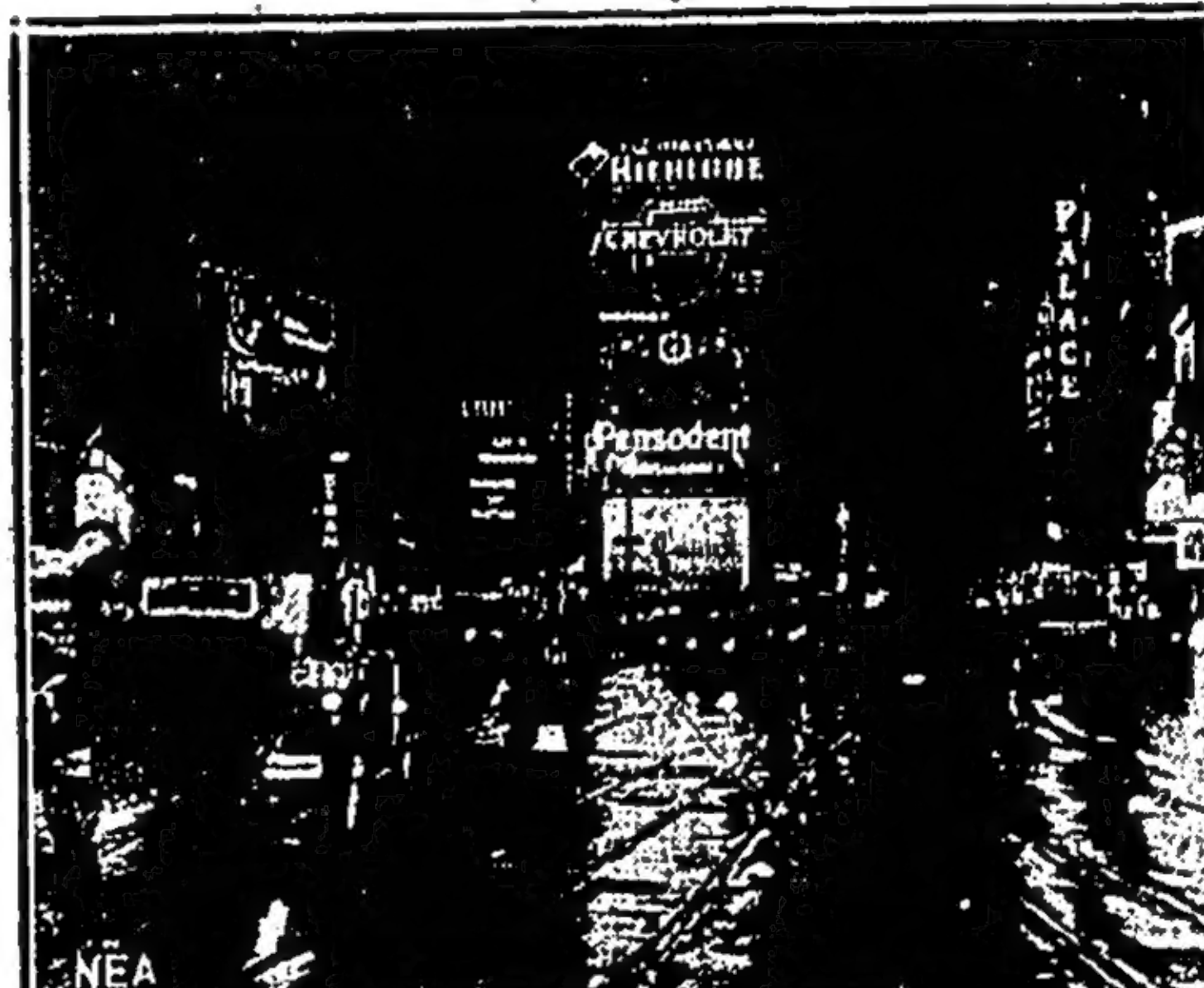
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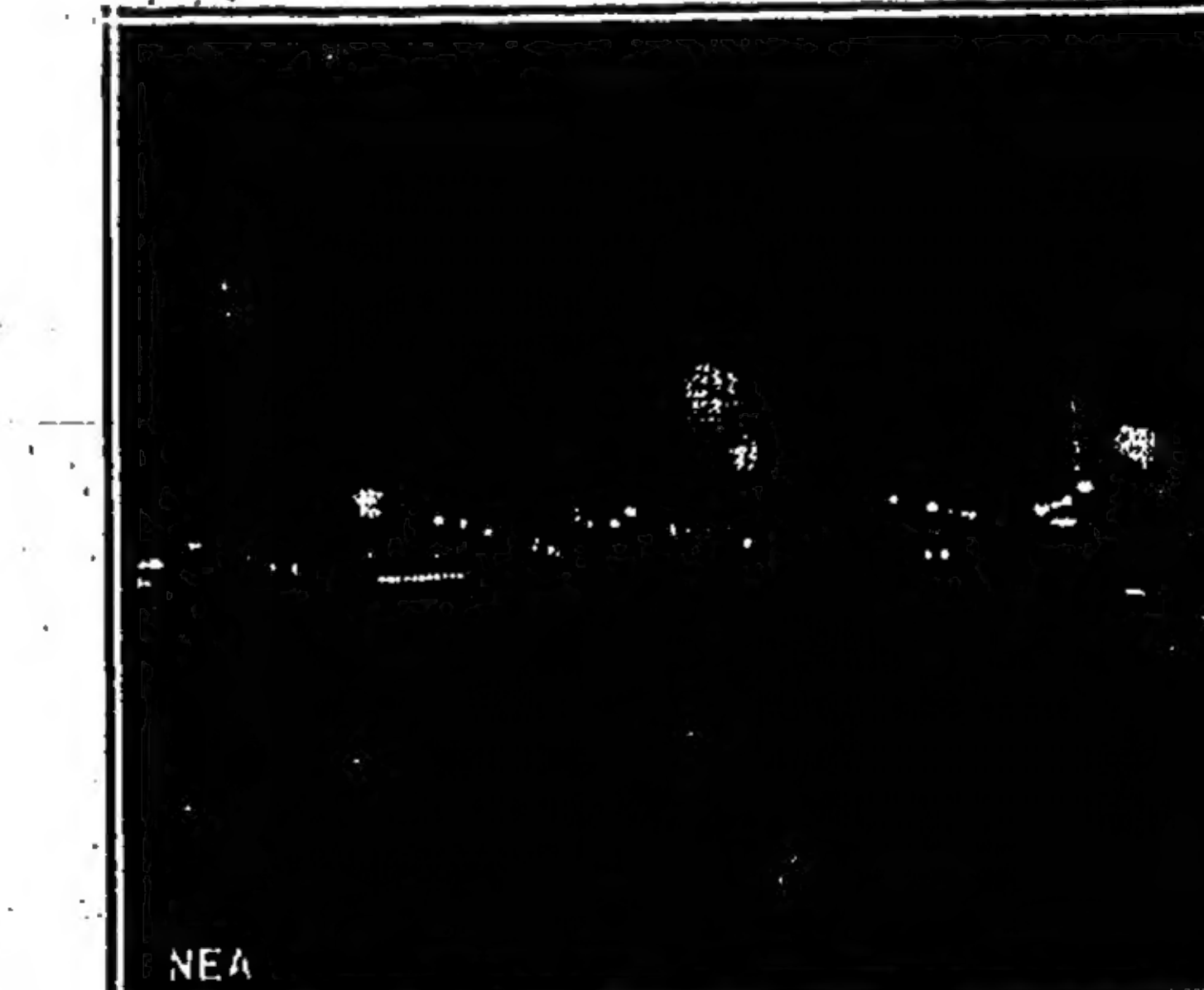
It's dawn on Broadway. Looks like a quiet country lane, doesn't it? Where is all that rush and roar you read about? Well—



Here it is! Times Square, jammed with trolleys and taxis, is seen as it appears in daytime. But not till night can you view—



the famous capital of the New York theatre would in its dazzling dress of bright lights. This is how Broadway looks during the play hour. But—

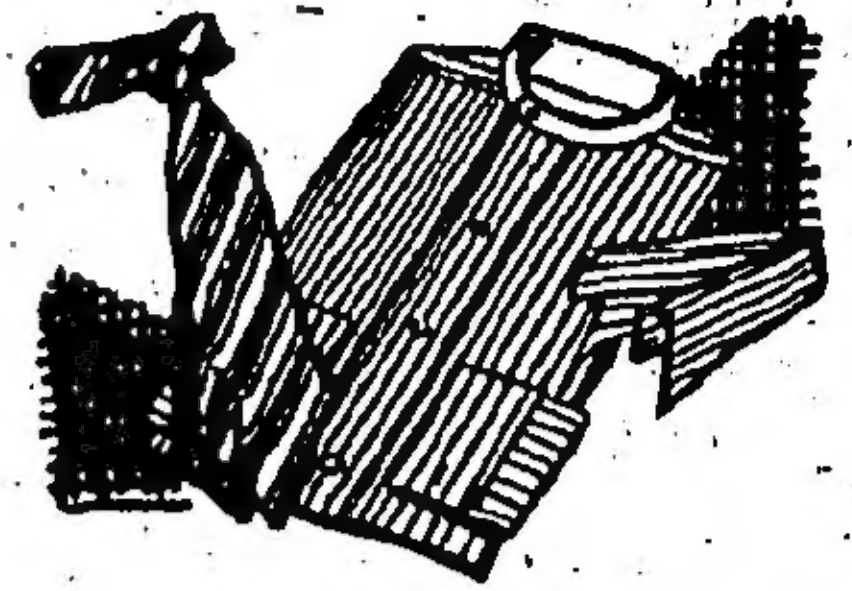


even New York sleeps. And in the small hours the lights wink out, one by one, leaving the street cloaked in darkness.

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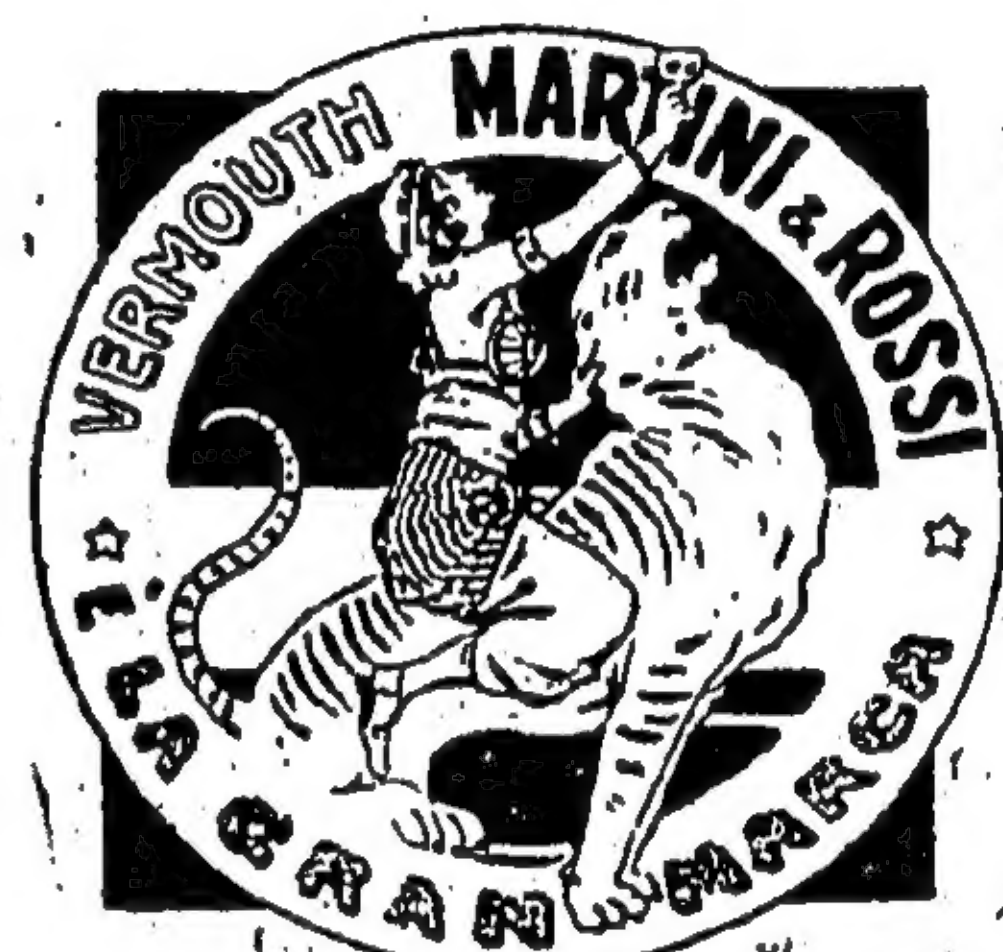
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## Heart of Liane

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## BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Liane Barrett has been warned by her actress mother, Cass Barrett, not to have anything to do with the fascinating Van Robert, who professes to be in love with her. Maria Lord detestably announces her engagement to Van and Liane tries to forget him. Cass is taken seriously ill on tour and Liane rushes to her side. Cass babbles in her delirium of some mystery concerning the girl's birth.

Mrs. Cleopatra, Liane's rich patroness, brings Cass back to her Long Island home to recuperate. Because she knows it will please her mother, Liane accepts Clive Cleopatra's proposal of marriage.

Tressa Lord, house guest at the Cleopatras, dislikes Liane and tries to break the engagement. She contrives with black-mailers to get her to succeed through the intervention of Liane's mother, police officer who befriends Liane.

At a ball for the Prince of Slavaria Liane is kidnapped. Clive, McDermid and a reporter named Church Desmond, editor of Maria's, start a search. At a lonely house on the shore she struggles with her captors, falls and cuts her head. The captors leave her with an old woman. Liane escapes while the woman sleeps, but drops her pearl necklace, which Clive finds stained with blood. McDermid finds the girl just before Clive rushes up. McDermid arrests the kidnappers who had planned to hold Liane for ransom and Clive takes Liane home.

## CHAPTER XXX

Cass persisted, "I don't like it, I tell you. It's queer." It was a day or two after the Hunt Ball. Liane, still a little weak and spent after her great adventure, lay huddled among the pillows of her damask chaise longue.

Liane asked languidly, "What?" "Oh, the whole business. There's something ugly and frightening about it. It looks as if someone particularly did not want you to marry Clive. As if you had an enemy."

Liane sighed. "Mother, please don't worry, dear. I'm safe and it's all right and all those wretched people are safely behind bars. Fourth offense, it was, for the men and the girls been sent to reform school or some place like that. Clive said they found cases of opium hidden away in the house."

But she shuddered a little, in spite of her brave words. She did not like to think of that fetid house in the clearing.

"When I think of what might have happened to you," Cass went on, shaking her head.

"Don't think of it. It's foolish. I'm out of their reach."

"Oh, it's not those miserable people I'm afraid of," Cass said. "They don't count. But what this man McDermid said to Clive makes me believe that you have an implacable enemy some place."

Liane shivered but she managed to laugh.

"How silly! Mum, you're playing a melodrama."

"All right, child. But I'll be relieved when you're safely married."

Why, Liane wondered, did they all use that phrase, "safely married?"

"By the way," Cass went on, "as soon as you're able Mrs. Cleopatra wants you to look at some samples for the wedding dress. Moire, satin, velvet. Oh, they're lovely! You'll never know which one to choose."

"Lordy," Liane moaned, "I wish I might put on a dark blue suit and slip away somewhere and have it done. But I suppose that would be considered dreadful."

"I know," Cass sympathized. "But you must remember your wedding is in the nature of a state function. It's of great importance."

Liane looked at her mother curiously. She had never known her to be so firmly set on anything as she was on this formal wedding. "But it's natural," the young girl thought. "She thinks of it as a

pageant with me as the main figure. A drama with me in the leading part."

"All the same," Liane insisted aloud, "I shall hate the display and all that fuss. I wish I needn't be married quite this way."

"You owe it to your new position, darling," Cass said quietly. "That's something you mustn't forget."

She was silent a minute. Then she murmured with apparent irrelevance, "Miss Lord hasn't gone south. I wonder why."

Liane said, "Oh, she likes it here. She has such a gay time. So many beaux, I suppose she hates to leave."

Cass's eyes were on the ceiling. "Mrs. Cleopatra is rather annoyed with her. About the way she acted the night of your—the night of the ball."

Liane laughed. "What was it? Did she refuse to marry?"

"I don't know what she said but there's a coolness between them. Mrs. Amberton admitted to me that her sister lacked tact."

There was silence for a few minutes while Liane continued to regard the landscape with languid eyes.

"Just the same," Cass burst out at length, "I hope she goes soon. She's a mischief maker. She likes Clive too well for her own good."

"They've known each other forever," Liane suggested.

"I know. That's just it. Apparently she has always thought he'd wait for her. She's been playing around all over the world and now she's tired of it and wants a soft berth. You've taken that from her. She doesn't relish the thought."

Liane sighed. "Mother, you talk as if marriage were a situation."

Cass said firmly, "That's what it is for a woman who isn't trained to do work in the world. My life was different. Tom and I worked together. We married young and we didn't have any money but we had love. That's everything."

"And you had me," Liane reminded her.

"Yes. We had you."

Something in Cass's voice made Liane glance at her. Cass stood up suddenly. "I've been yarning long enough," she said briskly. "I must go downstairs and write letters. I promised Mrs. Cleopatra I would send out some cheques for her."

Liane longed to detain her and ask the questions which had been gnawing on the tip of her tongue for weeks. Cass' words spoken in delirium came back now with startling force. "Lusia wouldn't want her to know . . . she's mine . . . I've earned her."

What was the secret Cass hid? Liane longed to ask but dare not. She lay there in the half light. Nora came in and softly moved about, touching the rosy lamps until they glowed in spots of vivid colour about the luxurious room.

"You'll have your tea here, Miss? No, I believe I'll dress and go down. The doctor said I might."

With the maid's help Liane slipped out of her robe and into a black frock. In it she looked almost transparently fair and fragile. Her knees trembled under her.

"You're still shaky, Miss," the girl said sympathetically.

"I'm all right," Liane assured her.

She went down the great staircase slowly, holding to the railing. A murmur of voices came to her from the small sitting room.

Her unsteady legs took her deliberately as far as the door.

"Though I ought to tell you beforehand," Cass was saying in a troubled tone.

Liane stopped. She scarcely knew why. Mrs. Cleopatra's reply was not entirely clear but the young girl heard the last few words, "—no surprise to me. I was aware of it from the first. I am glad, however, you told me yourself."

Liane felt herself trembling. Almost she turned back but the sound of Tressa's voice and the opening of the great front door forced her onward.

The two women looked up guiltily, she thought, at her entrance.

"Why, my dear!" Mrs. Cleopatra began in a tone of benevolent concern. "Are you sure you ought to have done this? You look quite shaken even yet."

They made her sit down, fussed over her. Cass said, "I was just telling Mrs. Cleopatra that I expect to go back to town as soon as the wedding is over. I have laid a good offer in a Shapiro play. I didn't want to tell you until you were on your feet."

"She's hopeless!" Mrs. Cleopatra murmured, fluttering over the tea tray. "She can't be content to sit still and rest for a bit. I told her I knew she was like that."

The two women smiled at each other but Liane was not convinced. In her heart she knew there was something else afoot.

"That isn't what mother meant," she mused. "I wonder what it is all about."

Next day Clive announced he had to go to Richmond on business.

"I wish you didn't have to go," Liane said.

"Mother's glad to get me out of the house. I never saw such a flurry. Boxes keep arriving even in the middle of the night. And enterer's men!" He shook his head.

"I tell you what! Put on your hat and come in town with me. We'll get a license at City Hall and be married to-day! You can go to Richmond with me and we'll avoid all the fuss." His eyes looked bright and mischievous.

Liane shook her head. "Can't. Your mother would never forgive us."

He put out his hand, touched her awkwardly. "Look here, is it me you're marrying? Or mother?"

"Silly." She shook him off.

"You'll miss your train."

She stood on the steps, young and flushed and triumphant, in her riding things. Clive had been seeing that she had lessons and she was doing very well he told her proudly. Her coat and breeches of pale grey cloth fitted her charmingly. Her boots shone like old mahogany. Her casual hat was just right. She might have posed for an illustration in a magazine devoted to country life.

"Silly." She put her small gloved hand in his, for good-bye.

"Mayn't I say good-bye to you properly?"

Out here with Kelly and all the grooms standing around? She shook her head at him, all maidenly primness. "I'll see you Tuesday."

He rode off in a cloud of dust. Liane, sighing a little, went into the house.

She had meant it when she said she hated to have him go away. Clive stood as bulwark between her and his mother's importunate fussing, between her and Tressa Lord's barbed hatred. She didn't love Clive but she was fond of him.

Why didn't she love him? He was young and attractive. His blue eyes could kindle with a darkening light. His young mouth had a passionate curve to it. She liked his voice. She liked his sense of humor, his kindness.

But the spark—well, it just wasn't there.

She met Mrs. Cleopatra on the landing.

"My dear, such a stupid thing! One of Christine's girls called just now to say your fitting is today at 11 instead of tomorrow. I'm so sorry. You might have gone in with Clive but it's too late for that now. Kelly will have to take you. I've just rung the garage."

"I'll change right away," Liane answered.

When she came down 10 minutes later, she found Tressa Lord curled up in one of the hall chairs.

"What—off to town again?" Tressa asked.

"Yes, I have to go. A fitting."

"Too bad. Thought we might have some bridge."

Liane was puzzled by the other's change of front. Tressa had scarcely spoken to her for a week. Then the car drove up and she dismissed the matter, climbing in, waving her hand. Tressa went down the steps and disappeared around the rear of the car. "Pro-

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**EDUCATED** English lady desires clean, empty, airy, look-up-room, with quiet Chinese, also Chinese vegetarian meals, use of water and waste pipes, close to Church of England, bus and ferry, in exchange for 12 hours monthly tuition in English, French, or elementary German. Also desires paying pupils for same address, Miss Carlton-Arquan, c/o Min Sang College, Kai Tak Band, Kowloon.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,  
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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

The offices and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 26th September, 1931, being a Customs holiday.

J. W. STEPHENSON,  
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,  
Kowloon and District.  
York Building,  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1931.

## HONG KONG AMUSEMENTS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the QUEEN'S THEATRE, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1931, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:—

- To receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st March, 1931.
- To elect retiring Directors and Auditors.
- To sanction the Declaration of a Dividend.
- To transact any other Ordinary Business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th to the 30th Day of SEPTEMBER, 1931, both Days inclusive.

Dated the 22nd day of September, 1931.

By Order of the Board,

CHAS. S. ROSSETT,  
Secretary.

## ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

## "TREVESA" TROPHY.

The 16th bi-annual race for Ships' Lifeboats will be sailed on Wednesday, 23rd September, starting at 4 p.m.

Any ship of a Company having offices or responsible Agents in Hong Kong and which is in port on the day of the race may enter any number of boats.

All entries should, if possible, be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C., by noon on the day of the race and competing boats should be at the starting line by 3.30 p.m. Post Entries however will be received.

Course:—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Mark boat off East Rock Beacon (P), finish across Yacht Club line leaving mark boat to Port and continue sailing until gunfire for finish.

A launch will leave Queen's State Pier at 3 p.m. for the convenience of members and the general public.

R. J. VERNALL,  
Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C.  
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1931.

## THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

Invitations for Tenders for Catering at Race Meetings at Macao.

Tenders are invited to supply Tiffin, Refreshments and Bar service at the Race Course at Macao for the forthcoming Race Meeting to be held at the Aresta Preta Race Course on Sunday, the 4th October, 1931, and on subsequent Race Meetings.

Applications must be made in sealed envelopes addressed to the Secretary of the Club, c/o Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, 6, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, and to reach the office not later than Noon on 24th September, 1931. Applications will be opened on that date.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

W. L. ALEXANDER,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th September, 1931.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Tenth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the offices of the General Managers, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on Friday, the 9th October, at 10.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, Declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 25th September, to the 9th October, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1931.

## HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

## THE 60TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE SOCIETY

will be held in the City Hall, on Tuesday, 29th September, 1931, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st August, 1931, and of electing office-bearers for the ensuing year, etc.

DAVID S. ROBB,  
Joint Hon. Secretary.

## THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Eighth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 26th September, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary Badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1931.

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

## BY ORDER OF THE FIRST MORTGAGEES

## PUBLIC AUCTION OF

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Teak Extension Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Sideboards and Dinner Wagons with and without Mirror, Crockery, Glass Ware, Ice Chests, etc., etc.

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## THREE AMERICANS KILLED.

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occupied Kirin City without opposition at 5.50 p.m. yesterday.

The South Manchuria Railway has provisionally taken over the administration of the Changchun-Kirin Railway.

All Japanese residents are taking refuge in the Police Station attached to the Japanese Consulate at Kirin.—*Reuter.*

## Cabinet Clash.

Tokyo, Sept. 22.

It is understood that there was a heated discussion between Baron Shidehara, the Foreign Minister, and General Minami, the War Minister, at a Cabinet Conference on the question of reinforcements for Manchuria.

Baron Shidehara contended that it would appear unduly warlike to despatch more troops, whereas the War Minister urged the necessity of reinforcing the Kwantung Army lest it be overwhelmed by a force numerically superior.

## Co-Operation?

For the purpose of avoiding foreign misunderstanding, the War Minister intimated that he was instructing the Commander of the Kwantung Army to arrange for the municipal administration of all occupied towns by co-operating with the Chinese, instead of enforcing a military administration.—*Reuter.*

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Entries may comprise bathing scenes, local street scenes, typical studies of local Chinese life, photos of local beauty spots etc.

### RULES OF COMPETITION.

- 1.—The competition is confined exclusively to amateurs.
- 2.—The prizes will be awarded to the competitors sending in what are adjudged to be the best photographs submitted during the month of September.
- 3.—The Editor's decision shall be final. In the event of two or more photos being considered of equal merit either of the three prizes will be divided accordingly.
- 4.—Photographs which have already been entered in local competition are ineligible.
- 5.—The right to publish any or all of the photos in the *Telegraph* is reserved.
- 6.—Photos, preferably black and white glossy prints, should be addressed to the Editor and be inscribed on back with name and address of sender.
- 7.—The result of the competition will be announced simultaneously with the publication of the final batch of photos.

## WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

### VARY YOUR SALADS.

[By an Ex-Chef.]

There is no need to confine our salads to the green variety alone. Numerous combinations of meat, fish, vegetable, and fruit salads can be brought into use with a little thought. Many of these are also most economical, as they can be made of odd fragments of food which may be too small to be served alone. Try these:—

#### Meat Salads.

1. Diced cold tongue and cheese, chopped cucumber, lettuce, and an Italian dressing.
2. Cold ham chopped up, grated raw carrots, a little minced onion and parsley, seasoned with a mayonnaise dressing.
3. Cold chicken, chopped finely and mixed with diced apples, banana, and celery, with a garnish of chopped nuts and a cream dressing.
4. Chopped veal and ham, thin slices of hard-boiled egg, chopped pickles and a curry cream dressing.

#### Fish Salads.

1. Flaked sardines, hard-boiled eggs, sliced boiled potatoes, chopped lettuce, and tomato with an Italian dressing and a garnish of parsley.
2. Shrimps, chopped boiled carrots, grated apples, crisp lettuce, tomato cut-up, and a mayonnaise dressing.
3. Tunny fish, the chopper up heart of a young cabbage, slices of

### Pretty Coiffure.



A pretty evening coiffure: hair parted low on one side, drawn softly over the head, and arranged in curls on the opposite side and round the back, only a few curls falling on the parting side.

#### Vegetable Salads.

1. Grated carrots, chopped apples and celery, sliced oranges, nuts, and a mayonnaise dressing.
2. Cooked cold cauliflower, carrots, and peas mixed together, raw sliced tomatoes, minced onion—the whole then marinated in a French dressing and topped with mayonnaise.
3. Sliced beetroot, chopped onion and celery, the shredded heart of a cabbage, a sprinkling of finely chopped mixed herbs and a cheese dressing.
4. Cold diced potatoes, blanched and chopped Brazil nuts, sliced cucumber and a French dressing.
5. The shredded heart of a cabbage, chopped apple, banana, beetroot, and celery with a mayonnaise dressing.
6. Sliced green beans, grated carrots and turnips, finely chopped cold boiled potatoes, crisp lettuce and an Italian dressing.
7. Sliced beetroot and orange arranged in layers, sprinkled over with finely chopped potatoes and water-cress, garnished with parsley, with a dressing of salad oil mixed with lemon juice.

#### Fruit Salads.

1. Skinned grapes, sliced oranges dressed with oil and lemon juice and laid on a bed of endive. Garnished with chopped nuts and topped with salad cream.
2. Sliced apples and banana with a garnish of tomato and parsley and a French dressing.
3. Chopped apples, walnuts, celery, and pimento, the whole seasoned with pepper and salt and mixed thoroughly. A lemon jelly is then poured over it and the mixture put into individual moulds and served on a crisp lettuce.

#### LACE AND CHIFFON.

A lovely bod jacket, which relies its popularity more on beauty than warmth, is made of finest spotted net in a deep cerise shade, to match a wide hem of lace to the jacket and to the wide sleeves. The net is finely tucked, and the whole garment lined with chiffon in the softest shade of coral pink. The corset is made to reach just to the waist, and the roll collar is composed of lace mounted over another of chiffon.

### DIFFICULTY IN SLEEPING.

[By a Family Doctor.]

Some people find great difficulty in sleeping; others think they sleep very much less than they actually do. Remember that an hour of wakefulness at night may seem an eternity, whereas six hours sleep will pass as a moment. However, if one begins to get into the way of thinking one is not sleeping and of worrying whether one is going to sleep one tends very easily to get into the habit of lying awake.

If you find such a difficulty arising try, above all, not to let it worry you. In addition, you can try taking a short walk in the open air just before turning in. Sometimes a hot bath just before going to bed may help. Again, take a book to bed with you and read for half an hour.

If you are liable to wake up in the middle of the night it is often a good thing to turn on the light and read for a bit rather than lie awake "trying to sleep."

But if none of these dodges helps you get your doctor to prescribe a simple sleeping draught. There are many that are quite harmless and anyhow, far less harmful than a sleepless night.

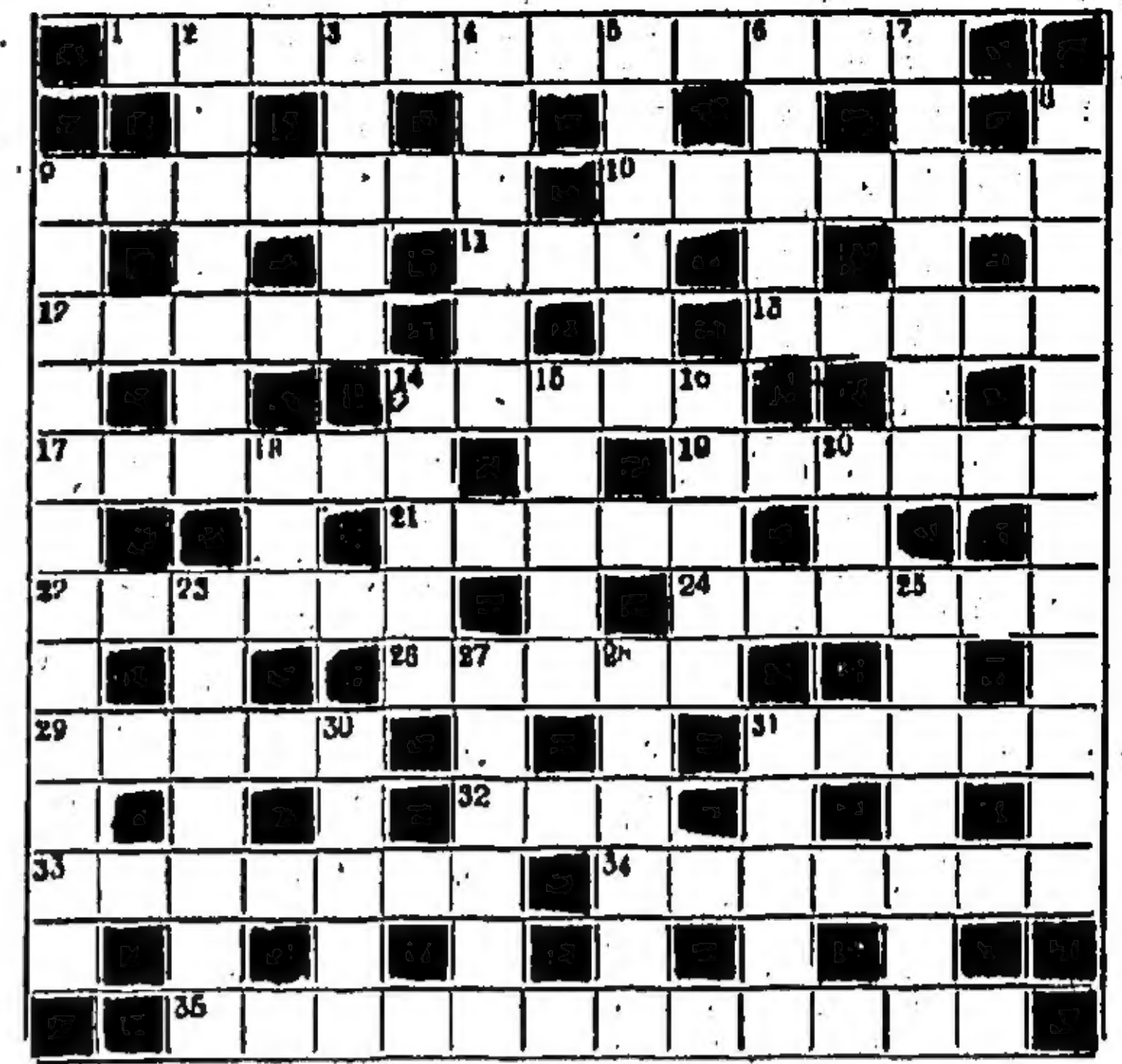
Do not, however, prescribe drugs for yourself, for some of them are dangerous and some are liable to produce a habit which is extremely difficult to break.

### Used 20,000 Shoes.



Three pairs of slippers a day is the rate Harriet Hoctor, famous dancer shown here, uses them. That's about 600 pair a year. She has used up 10,000 pairs, costing £85.00 a pair—£850,000 worth—in her dancing career, she said recently.

### OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



#### Across

- 1 Words meaning—a Hebrew measure, steal, alternative, article, and spread, in that order, are confirmed.
- 9 As the King opens Parliament (two words).
- 10 Quite a small grain.
- 11 Worry.
- 12 Conceals lives.
- 13 Scoffer.
- 14 Strictly *entre nous*.
- 17 A small seal that is not amphibious.
- 19 A Government official.
- 21 So as I may cheer the desert traveller when upset.
- 22 What with a fellow-countryman who is more than a bit on, and—
- 24 associates who exist largely on flies, it is no wonder that—
- 26 I indulge in "rough stuff."
- 29 Moves with long bounding strides.
- 31 Not uniform.
- 32 There will be word from France when Tom returns.
- 33 The capital of Persia.
- 34 Mechanic.
- 35 Language used in any art—good language, of course.

#### Down

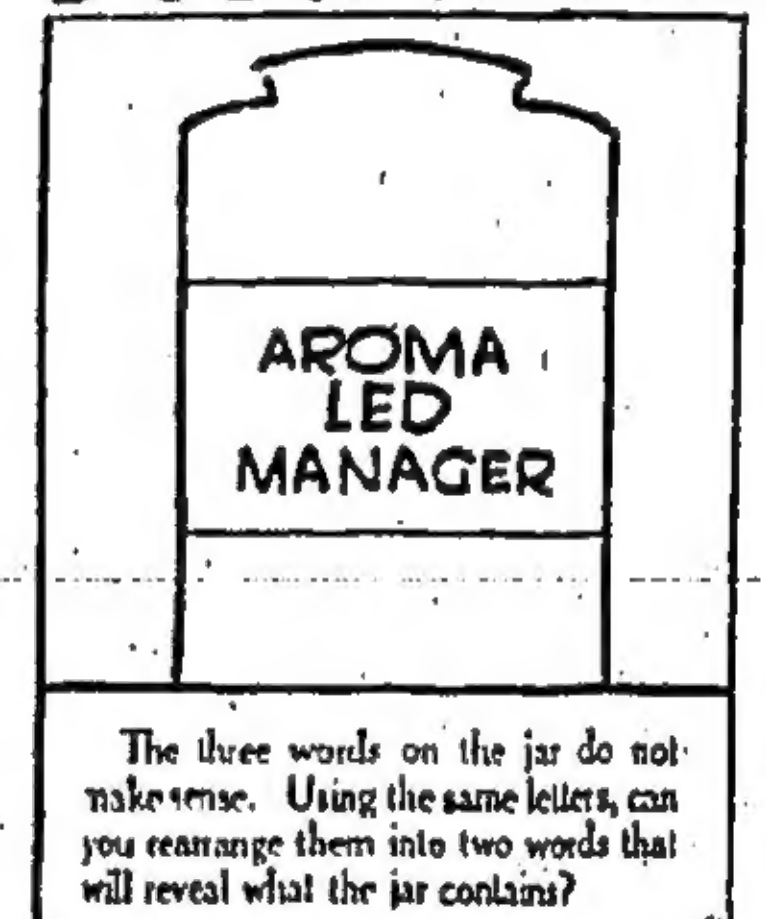
- 2 A turning out that has its own sting.
- 3 Raleses.
- 4 Mixtures with an object.
- 5 Having an uneven surface which the rug in no way conceals.
- 6 May be nasal of toxophilite.
- 7 Beaten.
- 8 The "score is ten, or" thereabouts, a great falling away.

- from their usual form (anag.).
- 10 Cannot be seen in something easily seen.
  - 14 Even a shade may make amends.
  - 16 Progeny.
  - 18 Have a try!
  - 18 It is useless to spread it within sight of the bird.
  - 20 There's nothing here.
  - 23 Persia's ancient capital.
  - 25 This should supply coffee with no grounds for complaint.
  - 27 He lost his life while assisting his uncle Priam.
  - 28 Sell in small quantities with an end in view.
  - 30 A ball is the centre of attraction here and it winds up with spirit.
  - 31 A short sacred musical composition.

#### Yesterday's Solution.

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S O L E M N V O L T C  
P Y F A D E B A R R  
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R A I D T C B R I D A L  
N O T P E A T I T  
P I T C H E R L E E W A R D  
A C E H A C E H I I  
R A G B A G A S H A R U N  
A I L P R O M I S E G  
T I M B L Y C I L I S W  
O L S O F A L L E D E R  
K E D H S E N N Y  
Y T E N E C E S S I T I E S

### STICKERS



The three words on the jar do not make sense. Using the same letters, can you rearrange them into two words that will reveal what the jar contains?

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#### Yesterday's Solution

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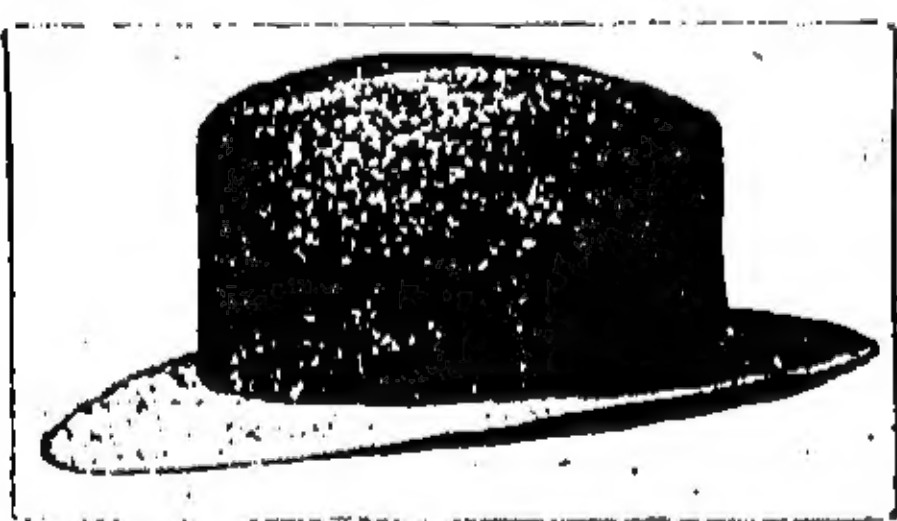
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## DEATH.

BOWEN.—Joseph A. Bowen, formerly of Tylam, passed away this morning at 9.15, at the French Hospital, after a long illness. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1931.

## BRITAIN TAKES THE PLUNGE.

The hopes entertained a short while ago that, by balancing the Budget and embarking on a policy of stern economy, Britain would arrest the flight from the pound have, unhappily, not materialised. Despite all that has been done, the drain on the country's gold reserves has continued. In the circumstances, the Government appears to have had no alternative but to suspend, for a time, the gold standard. That step has now been taken, and it is at any rate reassuring to feel that it has been hailed by the British Press of all shades of opinion as a wise and discreet move. As we look back on events since the war, it becomes apparent that Britain, by reverting to the gold standard, has been burdening herself unduly in the attempt to maintain sterling at something approaching parity. By abandoning that standard and at the same time by the raising of the Bank rate, it is believed that the drain on the nation's resources will be stopped. At the moment, there is no embargo on the outflow of gold, but if such a course becomes necessary it will no doubt be adopted.

It is difficult to understand, in view of the measures taken by the National Government, why the heavy withdrawals of gold from London should have continued, unless it be that there was a woefully wrong impression abroad regarding Britain's soundness at heart. It would seem, though, that the stories of naval objections to the pay cuts must have been grossly exaggerated, whilst talk of the possibility of a General Election doubtless also affected opinion. Be that as it may, the Government, by now acting as it has, effectually puts a stop to further mischief, and there is every confidence at home that the Old Country will pull through the crisis and emerge all the stronger in consequence of the drastic measures which have been deemed

necessary. The situation with which the new Government has had to grapple latterly has been peculiarly difficult. In spite of the fact that there has been more British money abroad than foreign money in Great Britain, it has been impossible to call in our reserves which are in use overseas without creating chaos in Europe, but, on the other hand, foreigners have been taking back a large part of their short-term money from London. Factors such as these would of themselves tend to remove Britain from the gold standard. But there have been many other complicating circumstances, and the sum total has made it necessary for the Old Country to give up the effort of maintaining sterling at parity.

It is easily arguable that Britain's stubborn adherence to the gold standard has been a curse rather than a blessing. Indeed, the evidence points to this conclusion. Wide issues are opened up now that the break has been made. We may expect worldwide repercussions to arise from the step. But when we contemplate the situation all over the globe, with some countries on gold, some on silver and some on paper, and all more or less suffering intense depression, the thought does suggest itself that the time is coming when the whole monetary system will eventually have to undergo reform. The nature of that reform is not at the moment apparent, though various schools of thought will have their own ideas on the point. But obviously there is greater need to-day than ever before for international co-operation, without which we may witness a worldwide breakdown of the present economic system.

## The Manchuria Imbroglio.

No matter how much and with what truth it may be insisted that China has needed a taste of discipline, it is becoming increasingly clear that the Japanese military demonstration in Manchuria during the week-end was a blunder of the gravest kind. Unless the Japanese are prepared to go to much further lengths, which is inconceivable—despite the apparent failure of the Cabinet to control the army chiefs—no possible good can accrue. On the other hand, it is inevitable that the movement will stir up strong anti-Japanese feelings with damaging effect on Japan's trade, and the alarming possibility of mob violence directed against her peaceful nationals engaged in that trade in China. The officers responsible for the seizure of Mukden claim to have been provoked by attempted sabotage on the S.M.R. but there is a curious lack of detail regarding the alleged outrage, and, as yet nothing directly connecting the Chinese military with the affair. In any event, the reprisals seem, on their face, entirely out of proportion, and there is we are afraid strong presumption that the Nakamura incident was the real inspiration. Moreover, Chinese assertions that the Japanese troops were out of hand on the night of Friday-Saturday seem to be supported by the known facts. Their activities were disciplined, but the officers, who must be held responsible, were in no mood to listen to the advice or appeal of either the Chinese or Japanese civil authorities in the Manchurian capital. To-day, the situation is rather more grave. There are rumours that a whole brigade of troops is being despatched from Korea to Mukden in defiance of the Japanese Cabinet, which is sharply divided on the right manner of tackling an affair which has become of international importance. A bitter fight has been going on between the War Minister and the moderate members of the Minto Government and unfortunately the military clique is still powerful enough to play their own hand. Japan, however, is clearly treading on dangerous ground, and it is earnestly to be hoped that counsel of moderation will prevail and quick steps taken to restore the status quo ante before it is too late to withdraw honourably.

## DAY BY DAY

A BOND IS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE OUR BEING, ONLY WE MUST BE CAREFUL THAT THE BOND DOES NOT BECOME BONDAGE.—Mrs. Jameson.

The E. & A. steamer Tando, which sailed hence on the 3rd instant, arrived at Sydney on the 21st.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashmir, from Singapore, with the English mails, is due here at 2 p.m. on Thursday.

The Commissioner of Chinese Customs advises that the offices and stations for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on 23rd September, which is a customs holiday.

Put up for public auction at the upset price of \$20,025, Inland Lot No. 3,202, adjoining Inland Lot No. 3,102, King Kwong Street, was sold for \$25,000 yesterday afternoon. The purchasers were Messrs. Au Pak-man and Wong Sum-chuen.

The Hongkong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., advertise that the tenth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders will be held at the office of the General Managers, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on Friday, October 9, at 10.45 a.m.

A Hungarian, B. Valsell, appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning, after having given himself up to the authorities as a destitute. The man stated that he had stowed away from Shanghai by the s.s. Sphinx. His Worship made an order for his commitment to the House of Detention.

## WATER LEVELS.

### DETAILS FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in English feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:

	Sept. 20.	Sept. 21.
West River at Shihung	15.5	11.1
North River at Samshui	7.8	7.5
North River at Tsingyuen	9.3	8.5
East River at Sheklung	8.7	—

The highest levels recorded are: Shihung, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

### OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The market opened on the quiet side this morning, being affected to some extent by the rise in exchange. Buyers, however, are still in the market at slightly lower rates.

Banks were done at \$2.045. Benguet was in request at \$12. Ruhs were dealt in at \$41.75. Wharves were reported sales at \$164. Docks were in demand at \$30. Hotels (old) were wanted at \$17. Lands were dealt in at \$90 and \$90.50. Ewes were done at Tis. 10.35. Star Ferries, after sales at \$90.4, were in demand at the close at \$95.4. China Lights were nominal at \$23.75. Electric changed hands at \$83.4. Cements (combined) were dealt in at \$20.4. Watsons changed hands at \$17.40 and \$17.45.

## John Bull Plays the Game.

By G. WARD PRICE.

FOR the average Briton, the past weeks have been a period specially fruitful in fresh ideas and novel terms. Just as the Great War taught us geography, the Great Slump is teaching us finance. "Short-term credits" and "long-term loans" compete with the merits or demerits of inflation as conversational commonplace. The danger of a "flight from the pound" is grown as plain as the danger of a follow-on in a Test Match.

Events so dramatic as to strike the most unthinking are daily revealing new aspects of our complex international situation. The financial deluge raging throughout the world has washed bare one of the great roots of the British oak, so that its ramifications are plain for all to see.

Every schoolboy is taught that Great Britain largely pays for her foreign food and goods she needs by means of services and returns on overseas loans technically known as "invisible exports." Our present experience is showing that the main item of these invisible exports has never been listed by the Board of Trade. Its name is *Honesty*.

One of the chief reasons why this country has been able to keep up a costlier standard of living than any other European nation is that foreigners have hitherto been content to leave their money in our hands, and let us use it to our profit.

This confidence is well-founded. As one who has formed an objective view of his compatriots by living in other lands, I am convinced that the British are the fairest of all nations in their dealings with the stranger.

There is a solid basis for the facts that *palabra inglesa*—"on the word of an Englishman"—is the South American's most emphatic way of asserting his veracity, and that a British cheque is almost the only kind of Continental hotel-keeper will accept.

It is no change in that British quality which is shaking the old-established trust that other nations have reposed in us. What they have come to doubt is whether Britain is as honest with herself as she is with others.

We are a lazy, procrastinating people, who hate facing unpleasant facts. We refused to believe that European war was possible until it burst upon us. In exactly the same way we are trying now to shut our eyes to the harsh reality of published conditions.

The manifesto published by the Trades Union Congress and the Labour Party will help to convince the world that, though we may not be knaves, we certainly are fools.

Mr. Henderson and his colleagues in the new Opposition are trying to burke plain truths. They have told their followers that there is nothing wrong at all with Britain's financial position. All that is wanted, they say, is heavier taxation and the compulsory realisation of the country's foreign investments. They are trying to start a witch-hunt after some imaginary enemies called "international financial interests." They stoutly proclaim their intention of maintaining an artificial "standard of living" in this country—which every intelligent

Frenchman and Swiss and Highlander knows to be as impossible as to keep up an artificial standard of living any nation can maintain is the one it craves. What is wrong with Britain is that we have ceased to earn ours.

### Getting Too Soft.

The desperate thing about economic danger is the difficulty of making it clear to the mass of the nation. Political perils are plainer. In 1914 the Government only needed to say: "There is the enemy. Go and fight him—and a million Britons sacrificed their lives to save the country. In 1931 the threat to our national welfare is just as deadly, but to induce people to sacrifice, even a part of the easy conditions of existence to which they have grown accustomed is a harder task. Every such appeal is countered by the assertion of some agitator that Labour is being exploited, that "international financiers" are conspiring to grind the faces of this poor, and that the sacrifice can be easily staved off by drawing upon some supposed immense reserve of national wealth. The fact that these arguments are often quite sincere makes them no less harmful to the national interests.

Sentimentalism is softening the fibre of the British race. We are a nation that has ceased to pay its way and keeps going only by spending the savings of its sturdier forefathers. However we may disguise this fact from ourselves, we cannot disguise it from on-lookers abroad. Unless we face it firmly, and remedy it promptly, the foreigner will transfer his financial confidence to some energetic and self-denying nation of the type we used to be, and then another great prop will have been cut away from beneath our economic structure.

It was not men like the demagogues of the Trades Union Congress who built up the reserves of wealth which Britain is now squandering upon lavish "social services." The nineteenth-century Englishman was a hardy individualist. To accept public relief was, even for the aged poor, not a class-privilege, but a humiliation.

Had the dolt been invented a hundred years earlier, there would have been no British Empire to-day, for the flow of emigration which peopled the Dominions with the boldest and most enterprising elements of our population was kept going by steady economic pressure at home.

### On His Own Feet.

Until this present generation it was an Englishman's pride to stand on his own feet, and his independence gave him a just sense of his own deserts. The inferiority-complex which has instigated our policy of scuttling in India and Egypt is the reflection among our politicians of the same lethargy which makes many of their followers quite content to live on national charity.

These are unpalatable facts, but it is better to state them now than to leave them to be written as part of a historian's epitaph on the British Empire. The country's greatest need is more plain-speaking such as it is accustomed to get from the Prince of Wales when he returns from his foreign tours. We are a dolt-drugged, sport-saturated nation and require the tonic of straight talk. Through all these thirteen post-war years we have drifted, until now the most formidable financial perils of our history are staring us in the face. If we do not crush them, they will crush us.

France five years ago overcame a similar crisis of her fate. But the French of our day are a nation of realists, not sentimental altruists like us, and they do not have to buy more than half their food from overseas. To win through as they did, we shall need to call on every resource and quality we now possess, and on many that we have almost lost.

It is the traditional boast of the British nation that it always plays the game. The time has come when we owe that duty first and foremost to ourselves.

## PYJAMA PLEASURES.

By HELEN ROSE.

MOST women's holidays are spoiled not by the weather but by clothes.

A woman's clothes are, in many cases, her only adventure. For eleven months of the year she may be compelled to wear a uniform, office clothes or the ordinary dress of the housewife. Her work may not allow her to be either smart (Continued on Page 7.)

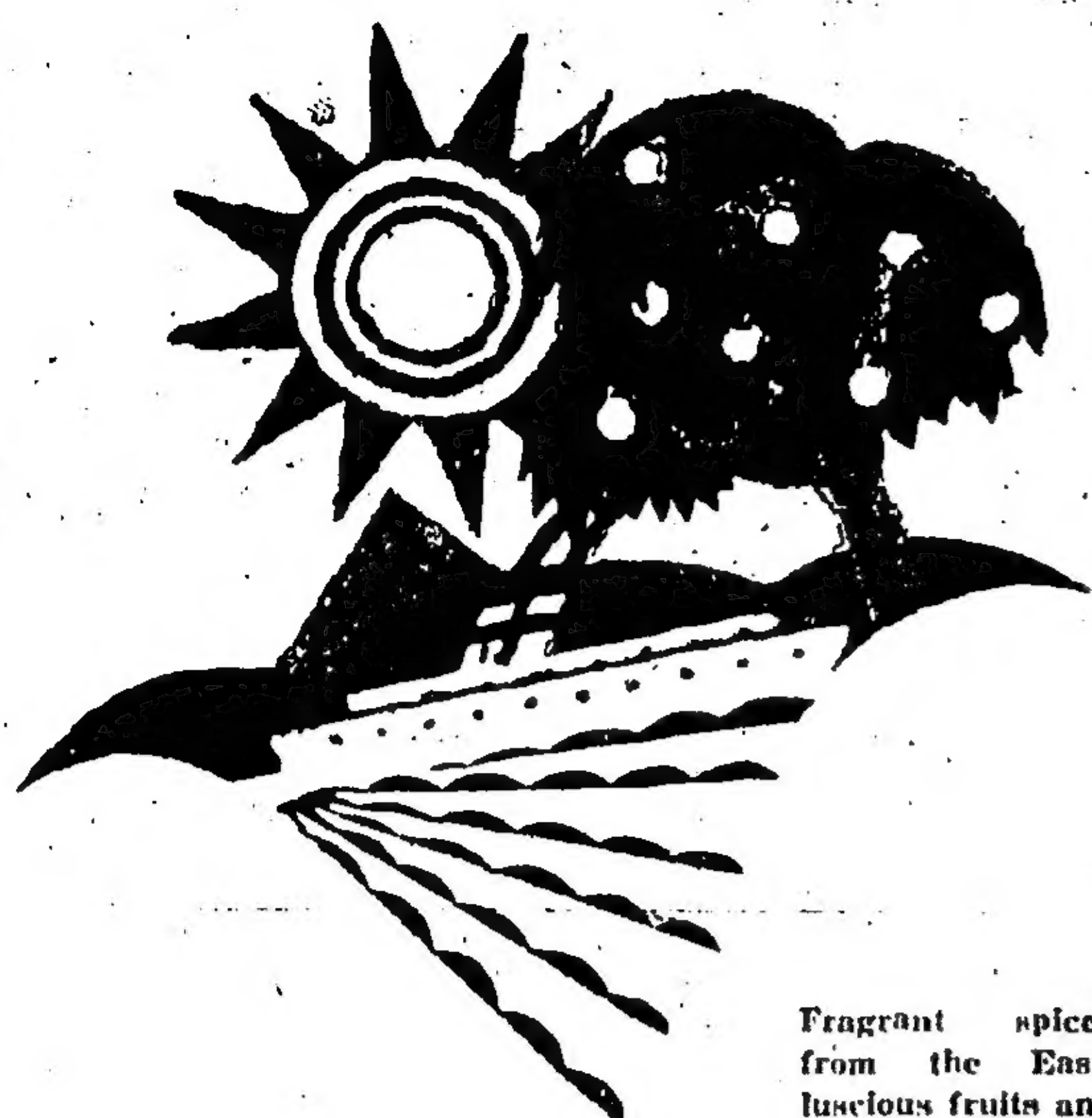


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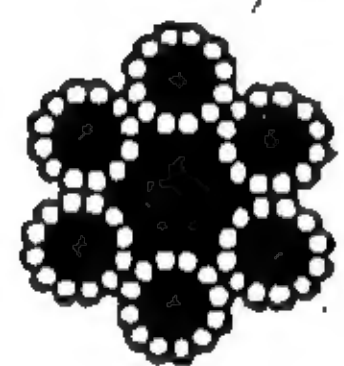
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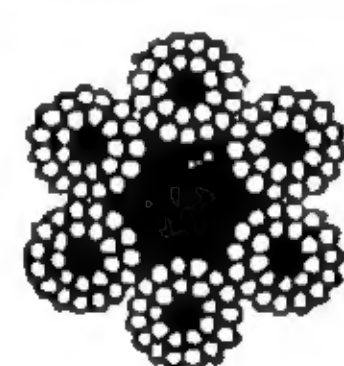
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### TENNIS DISPLAYS.

#### HONGKONG PLAYERS IN CANTON.

##### 'A DRAWN CONTEST.'

After being two matches in arrears at the end of the first day's play, Messrs. D. H. Hazell, C. A. L. Rumjahn and J. A. E. Cassumbhoy, unofficial representatives of Hongkong, succeeded in sharing the honours with the Canton tennis players on Sunday, the visitors winning three matches, and the hosts one more.

C. A. L. Rumjahn avenged his singles defeat at the hands of Bodiker by overcoming Leung Tat-kwong by three sets to one. Rumjahn indulged in a driving campaign, but as he did not find his length till the second stanza, he lost the first set 6-1. Thereafter he was definitely superior, and he took the next three sets 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

The postponed doubles match of Saturday between Hazell and Rumjahn and Bodiker and Leung was replayed, the Hongkong men winning in good style 6-3, 6-1, while the same pair defeated Bodiker and Ma Chi-huch 6-2, 6-2.

In another doubles match, Hazell and Cassumbhoy fell victims to Bodiker and Ma Chi-huen, the scores being 6-4, 10-8, and the teams finally finished up with three wins each.

Large crowds watched with keen interest the excellent displays the Governor of Canton, together with Admiral Chan and the British Consul (Mr. Herbert Phillips) being among the spectators.

The gate receipts for the Flood Relief Fund totalled over \$500 for the two days.

### COLONY'S SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

#### TO BEGIN AT SATURDAY'S NIGHT FETE.

With the interport swimmers back from Shanghai, the Colony's championships will be begun without delay, the first batch being set down for division at Saturday's V.R.C. fete. On that night the following championships will be held: 440 yards, 100 yards for women swimmers, and 100 yards for boys under 15.

Entries close at 6 p.m. to-morrow with the secretary of the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association, Mr. J. A. Victor. The entrance fee is \$1 in each event.

The dates for the other championships are to be announced later, but they are expected to be completed by the end of October.

Dates for the annual harbour swims have also been fixed. The event for women swimmers is to take place on Monday, October 19 at 5 p.m., while the open event has been set down for Tuesday, October 20 at the same time. Entries close on October 16 at 6 p.m. The entrance fee is \$1.

## GOLF as the STARS play it



How can one control the new ball in the wind?

No doubt many golfers have been waiting for the answer to this question, for wind constitutes one of the real hazards of the game.

Irons are more difficult to control in the wind. Such English stars as Vardon, Taylor, Hilton and Bird who combat gales daily are known to sacrifice a stroke and play away from the green when the wind may catch a direct shot and lose it into a trap.

The shot will be more easily controlled in the wind if the temper is under control. Some players let the wind whip them after one shot goes away.

A shortened backswing will insure better balance and will keep the ball lower where the wind will not affect its flight so much. When playing directly into a gale select a three iron where you normally would choose a four. And often it is best to select a shorter stick—ART KRENZ.

### HOME FOOTBALL.

#### REVISED LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	7	5	1	1	23	12	11
Sheffield U.	7	4	0	3	10	7	10
West Brom.	7	4	0	2	12	5	9
Arsenal	7	3	3	1	14	8	9
Everton	6	4	0	2	12	9	8
Huddersfield	6	3	2	1	9	8	8
Aston Villa	6	3	1	1	17	8	7
Liverpool	7	3	1	3	16	12	7
Middlesbrough	7	3	1	3	16	10	7
Bolton	7	3	1	3	16	17	7
Blackpool	7	3	1	3	8	16	7
Birmingham	6	2	2	2	13	12	6
Manchester C.	7	2	2	3	8	11	6
Derby	7	3	0	4	11	13	6
Leicester	7	3	0	4	5	12	6
West Ham	7	3	0	4	11	11	6
Sunderland	7	2	1	4	11	11	5
Blackburn	7	2	1	4	12	18	5
Portsmouth	7	2	1	4	8	10	5
Grimsby	7	2	1	4	11	19	5
Newcastle	6	2	0	3	8	9	4
Chelsea	7	1	1	5	11	19	3

Division II.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bury	7	5	1	1	17	7	11
Bradford	7	4	2	1	19	11	10
Wolves	6	4	1	1	18	6	9
Stoke C.	7	4	1	2	13	9	9
Plymouth A.	6	3	2	1	11	9	8
Southampton	7	3	0	3	14	13	8
Tottenham	7	3	2	2	18	14	8
Leeds U.	7	3	2	2	8	6	8
Port Vale	7	3	1	3	12	15	7
Millwall	7	3	1	3	14	10	7
Preston N.E.	7	2	3	2	11	16	7
Oldham A.	6	2	2	2	12	9	6
Swansea T.	7	3	0	4	16	13	6
Notts Forest	6	2	2	2	9	11	6
Bradford C.	7	2	3	2	12	17	6
Burnley	6	2	1	2	7	8	6
Notts Cnty.	6	2	1	3	10	14	5
Chesterfield	6	2	1	3	10	15	5
Barnsley	7	2	0	5	10	18	4
Manchester U.	7	1	2	4	8	14	4
Charlton A.	6	1	1	4	9	13	3
Bristol C.	6	1	0	5	8	18	2

Division III (North).	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Lincoln	7	6	0	1	20	5	12
Southport	7	5	1	1	12	8	11
Gateshead	7	5	0	2	20	8	10
Crewe	6	5	0	1	14	7	10
Barrow	7	5	0	2	13	8	10
Wrexham	7	3	3	1	13	9	9
Tranmere	7	4	0	3	16	7	8
Hull	7	4	0	3	13	9	8
York	7	4	0	3	10	13	8
Chester	7	2	3	2	14	12	7
Darlington	7	3	1	3	15	13	7
Accrington	6	3	1	2	16	15	7
Hullfax	7	3	1	3	8	7	7
Carlisle	7	2	2	3	17	16	6
Hartlepool	7	1	4	2	11	18	6
Walsall	7	2	1	4	12	12	6
Doncaster	7	2	1	4	12	19	5
Rochdale	7	2	1	4	8	18	5
Rotherham	7	2	0	5	14	17	4
Stockport	7	1	1	5	5	8	3
Wigan	7	1	1	5	7	21	3
New Brighton	7	0	1	6	4	18	1

### SUGAR MARKET.

#### THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

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August 6/8 1/2 up 8 1/2 d.  
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New York Terminals.  
March 1932 1.32 down 4 pts.  
May 1932 1.37 down 4 pts.  
July 1932 1.42 down 2 pts.  
September 1932 1.47 down 4 pts.  
December 1931 1.29 down 3 pts.

London (21/9/31).  
Future obscure in view of exchange uncertainty. Commodity prices will probably advance in terms of sterling.

London (21/9/31).  
No basis for forming any opinion in exchange and Commodity prices pending passing of Bill and its reception by foreign countries.

### SAILOR'S DEATH.

#### CORONER RETURNS SUICIDE VERDICT.

Sitting without a jury yesterday afternoon, Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy conducted a Coroner's inquiry into the circumstances attending the death, by strangulation, of Able Seaman Archie Hall in a flat at Halphong Road on September 6.

Lieutenant Dwyer, of H.M.S. Seraph, the ship of the deceased, said Able Seaman Hall was 22 years of age. He joined the service in 1925 and was appointed to the Seraph in February 1928. He held a good record and had received no punishment immediately prior to his death.

Decceased went off duty at 12.30 p.m. on September 6 and should have reported himself at 8 a.m. the next day and for duty at 12.30 p.m. Decceased served under witness on H.M.S. Seraph, and witness had always found him to be a very reliable seaman. In fact, deceased was one of the best seamen he had ever known.

A piece of rope, said to be the one with which deceased met his death was produced in Court. After hearing the evidence, the Coroner returned a verdict of "Suicide by hanging."

### THE UPHEAVAL IN MANCHURIA.

#### TROOPS AGAIN IN CONFLICT.

##### SOVIET MOBILISES.

Peking, Sept. 21.  
Chinese Eastern Railway officials at Harbin state that the trans-Siberian passenger train leaving Harbin westwards on September 18 was wrecked by explosives on the morning of September 19. There are no details regarding casualties or the perpetrators.—*Reuter.*

##### Another Clash.

Tokyo, Sept. 21.  
A message from Changchun states that a clash occurred this morning between Chinese and Japanese troops along the Changchun-Kirin Railway. The Japanese have despatched a mixed force of infantry, artillery and cavalry to Kirin from Changchun. In three trainloads.

##### Chinese Retalliate.

Riots in the Chientao district, near the Korean border, are causing grave apprehensions. Chinese rioters have destroyed a Japanese police station, post office and school.—*Reuter.*

##### Soviet Mobilises.

Shanghai, Sept. 21.  
Harbin messages state that the Soviet Government is mobilising on the Sino-Russian frontier at Manchuli with the alleged intention of affording protection to the districts along the C.E.R. because of the precarious position created by the Sino-Japanese clash. It is further said that 10,000 Russian soldiers have been ordered to mobilise on the frontier and large detachments of Soviet soldiers have arrived at Manchuli.

##### Russo-Japanese Talk.

Moscow, Sept. 20.  
M. Marukhan, the Assistant Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, received the Japanese Ambassador, with whom he discussed the latest events in Manchuria.—*Reuter.*

##### Soviet Unfriendly.

Tokyo, Sept. 21.  
It is reported from Harbin and from Changchun that the Soviet is showing growing signs of unfriendliness towards Japan. The Soviet papers there are refusing to publish anything but highly coloured anti-Japanese versions of what has been happening during the week-end.—*Reuter.*

##### More Troops to Harbin?

Tokyo, Sept. 21.  
According to Dai-ri and Mukden press despatches, a brigade which had been concentrated on the Korean border entrained for Mukden this morning. The news is not confirmed, but it is believed the troops have been moved without Government sanction, as the Cabinet, which has been sitting since this morning, is sharply divided on the question of the despatch of further troops.—*Reuter.*

##### No Decision.

Tokyo, later.  
The Cabinet conference closed without reaching any decision on the War Minister's recommendation to despatch reinforcements from Korea, but a Seoul message says that press reports state the army headquarters in Korea have announced the despatch of troops to Manchuria, presumably to Mukden, though neither the number nor destination is specified. According to another Seoul report, the headquarters of the Innam brigade have been transferred to Kihai, on the north-eastern frontier, in anticipation of orders to cross the Tumen river into Chientao.—*Reuter.*

##### Hulutao Occupied.

Tientsin, Sept. 21.  
Hulutao and Hulutao harbour, and five districts in Yen-chieh, have been occupied by the Japanese forces and the Japanese flag flown over these places.—*Reuter.*

##### Kirin Occupied.

Peking, Sept. 21.  
Japanese troops occupied Kirin at six o'clock this evening.—*Reuter.*

##### More British Comment.

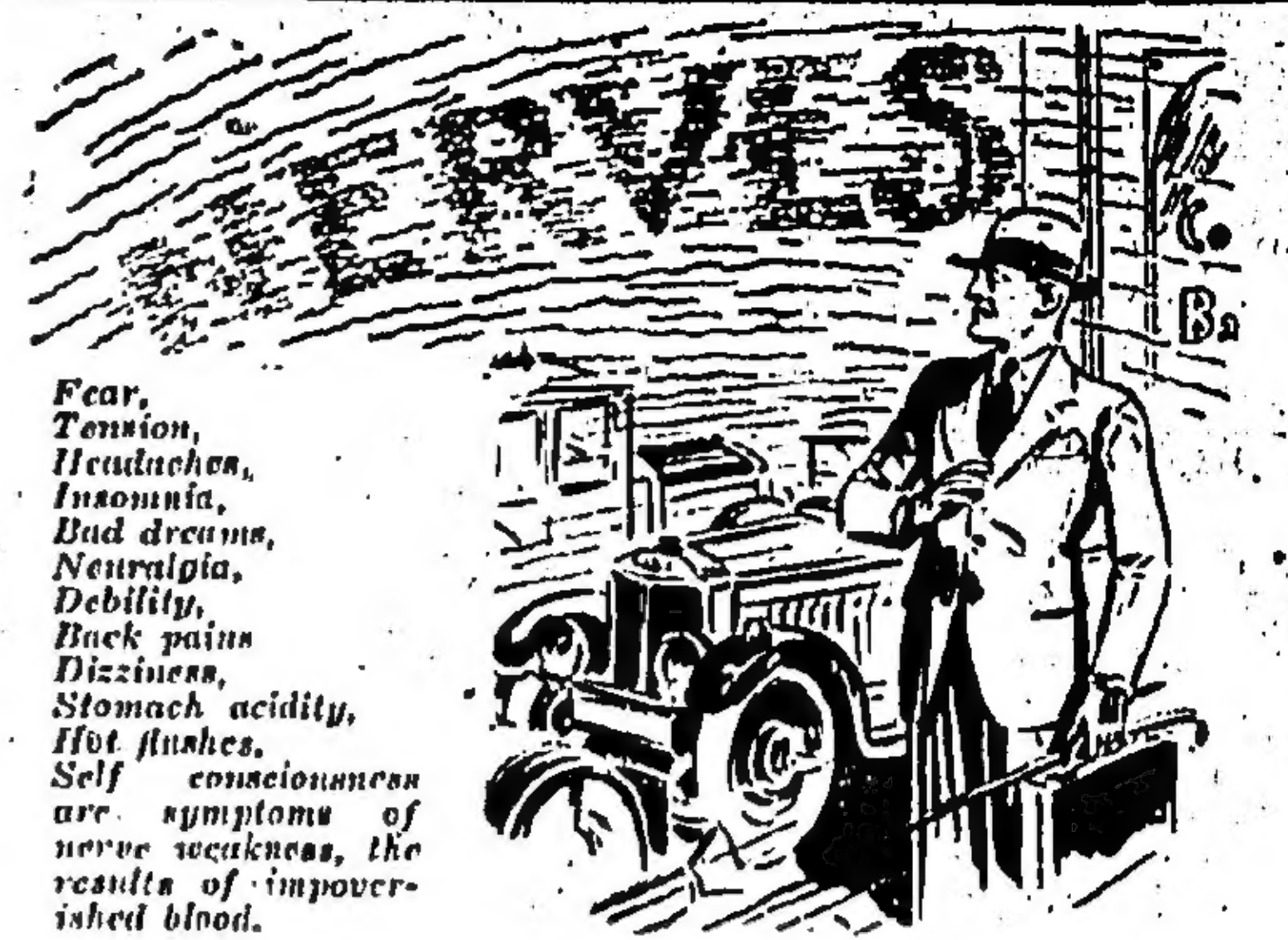
London, Sept. 21.  
The *Manchester Guardian*, commenting on the Manchurian affair, says the situation demands international action, which should be taken by the League of Nations, to bring the parties to a peaceful settlement, as the Japanese Government unfortunately has forgotten to take such action on its own account.—*Reuter.*

##### Shanghai Keeps Calm.

Shanghai, Sept. 21.  
Conditions in Shanghai are exceptionally peaceful. The community seem more interested in the gold standard than in Manchuria.—*Reuter.*

##### League Gets Protest.

Geneva, Sept. 21.  
China has requested the League Council to intervene in Manchuria.—*Reuter.*



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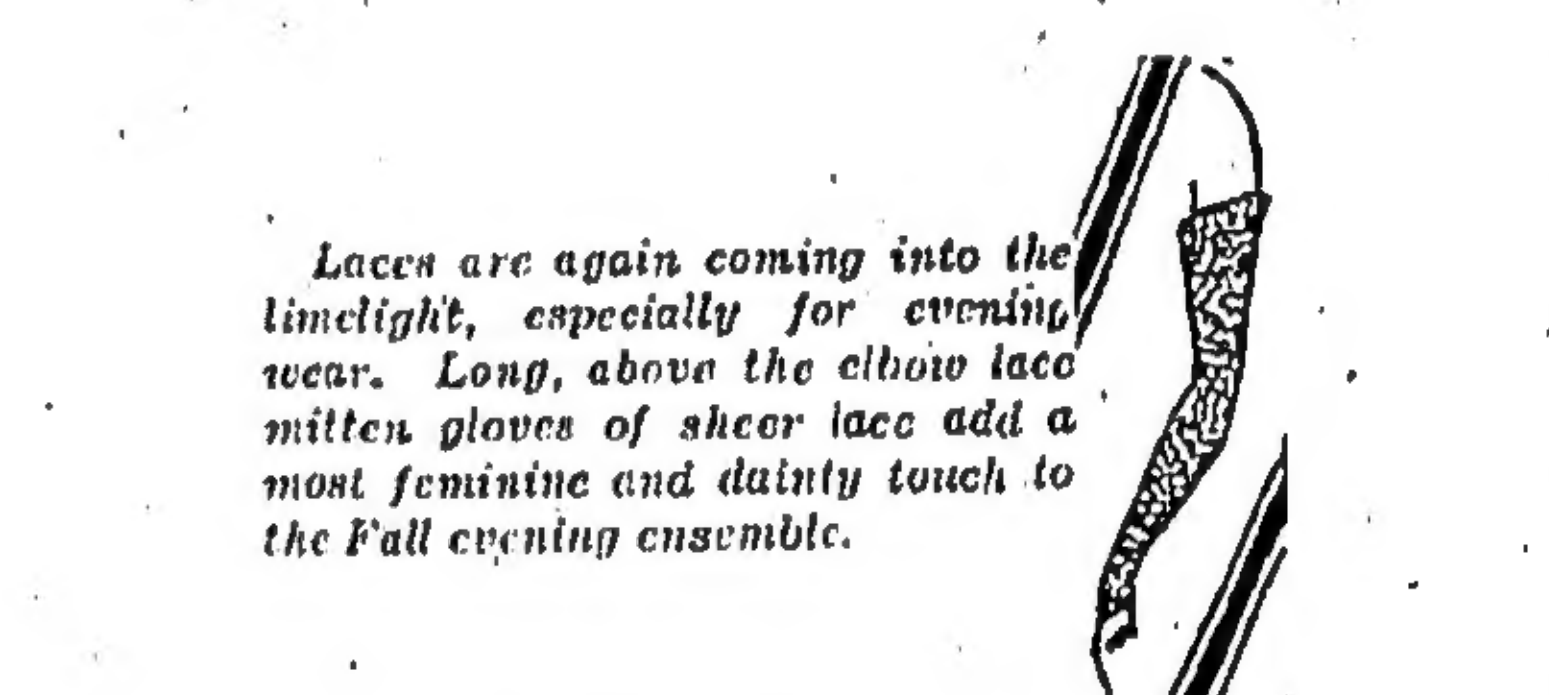
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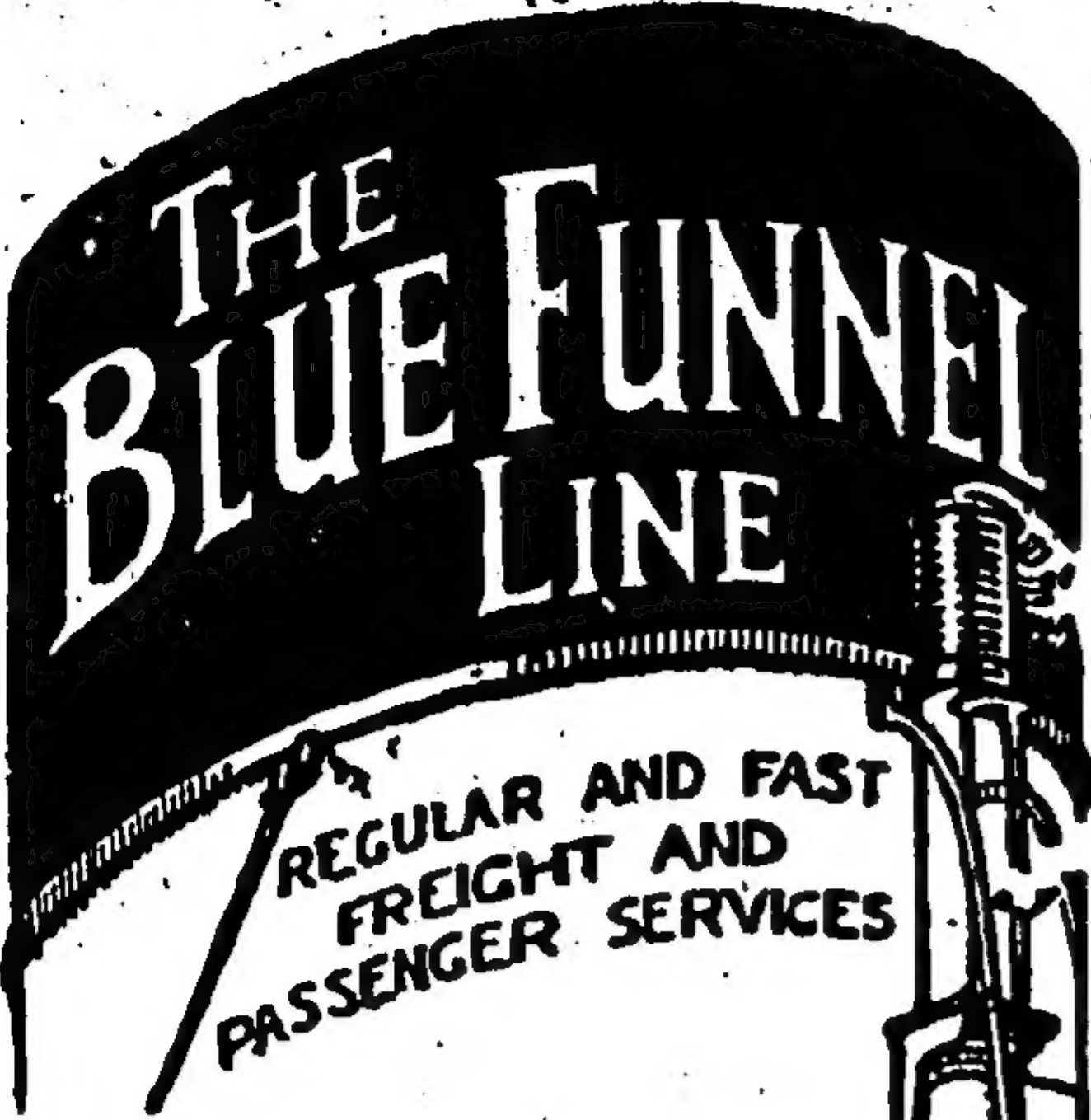
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Before the Pulao Judge (Mr. Justice Lindell) and a jury at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon the trial was commenced of Kong Sze-yik and Leo Arthur da Guimaraes, on a charge of obtaining \$7,000 by means of a trick from Wong To-po, stated to be a newspaper editor. The hearing was adjourned until ten o'clock this morning.

The charge against them was that on July 24, 1931, together with others not in custody, they procured the handing over to them by Wong To-po the sum of \$7,000 in bank notes, for the ostensible purpose of having them changed for other notes, false or genuine, thereby stealing the money. They both pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy appeared for the Crown. Mr. Hin-Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, represented Kong Sze-yik, and Mr. Leo D'Almada, Junior, instructed by Mr. D.B. Evans defended Guimaraes.

The following jury was empanelled: Mr. G. Halley (foreman), Mr. F. T. Harris, Mr. A. H. Madar, Mr. H. Castro, Tso Yew-woon, Chau Man-chi and Leung Kam-tong.

## Juror's Application Refused.

Chau Man-chi asked to be excused from service.

His Lordship: Why?—Because this is the first time I have been in Court.

His Lordship: I am afraid that is no excuse. It is one of the duties and privileges of citizenship in the British Empire to serve on a jury. That this is the first time you have been summoned is no possible excuse for your exemption.

His Lordship refused to grant the application.

Mr. Fitzroy, in explaining the Crown case, said that Kong got in touch with Wong To-po, a newspaper editor, "consequently, a man who ought to have known better," talked to him about various things and finally asked him about purchasing counterfeit notes. Kong produced some \$10 notes, saying they were counterfeit, and handed two of them to Wong as samples, at the same time producing another note which was stated to be genuine, this being a little smaller than the others, though in fact, it had been trimmed-off round the edges.

## No Excuse for Rogues.

Mr. Fitzroy remarked: "There is no excuse for rogues of this description in the Colony. There is no excuse for a man who deliberately puts himself forward as a buyer of counterfeit notes in order that he might utter them. So your sympathies are not asked for the man who lost \$5,600—because he got \$1,500 back—and you will realise that this is not a thing which can be permitted to go on with impunity in the Colony."

Counsel continued it was very probable and most likely that there never were any forged notes in the case at all, as the whole thing was a plant. It was the Crown's case that there was never any intention to give to Wong To-po any notes at all, but merely to obtain his money and keep it.

It was a remarkable thing that, although the two notes handed over were only \$20 on their face value, Wong handed over \$40 as security for holding them. Counsel did not know what Wong did with them but, apparently, he again met Kong the next day and it was finally agreed that Wong should pay \$7,000 in genuine notes for

## \$10,000 worth of forged notes.

"He was laying himself out deliberately to defraud other people of \$3,000, and at the same time commit a criminal offence by uttering these notes."

In response to a telephone call, Mr. Fitzroy went on, Wong went to the Stag Hotel where he met Kong and also a man named Pang, who was introduced as a regular broker in forged notes. Wong, among other stories, was told it was not customary to sell less than \$10,000 worth of forged notes at a time, and that there were many lakhs of such notes to be put on the market.

## Borrowed \$7,000.

Eventually, Wong found a prospective father-in-law from whom he obtained \$7,000. He obtained the money at four o'clock in the afternoon, and half an hour later he went to No. 17, Aberdeen Street, where he met the other two men. They then all went to No. 6, Calne Road, where second accused and his brother were living.

Second accused's brother, accompanied by a Chinese, appeared on the scene, and when Wong said he had the \$7,000 second accused's brother said the notes were at the Dairy Farm store, saying he would have to send out for them and a European would sign for them. Wong then handed over to Kong fourteen \$500 notes. "His first act was to take out three of them for himself.

That was his cash," said counsel. He handed the remainder over to the brother. The notes were handed over to the other Chinese who went out, apparently to purchase the alleged forged notes, while second accused's brother closed the window.

Then, said counsel, second accused walked in. He pretended to be a Police Inspector and "put the wind up them," after which he pretended to arrest his brother, and took him outside. Counsel commented that, as they were all rogues, if the trick had succeeded most probably nothing more would have been heard about the matter, as they might have been content to sit back and bear the loss of the money.

## Taking in the Credulous.

"This is a case where the same game could be played over and over again on wealthy, credulous Chinese, and I am not at all certain that it might not work with Europeans. I should think there are a great many Europeans who would jump at a chance of getting something for nothing."

However, Wong, Pang and Kong were left behind and Kong said they had better get out. Wong then pointed out that Kong had three of the notes and demanded their return, Kong complying. To use Mr. Fitzroy's expression, Wong "froze" on to Kong, finally telling the prospective father-in-law about the matter, and on his advice the affair was reported to the Police Station.

Counsel added it was a significant fact that, although second accused earned only \$124 a month, the day after the money was paid over he opened a new account with the National City Bank of New York with \$2,000 in cash.

A clerk from the bank substantiated the opening of the new account, saying that \$2,000 was paid in on July 25, \$1,000 in cash being taken out, later the same day.

A sub-accountant said he could not tell in what form the money was paid in as he did not handle it personally. No record was kept but the man who actually received it might be able to remember.

## Reprimanded for Slackness.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF  
 THE REEL CLUB.MR. R. O. SUTHERLAND  
 ELECTED PRESIDENT.

The fifth annual general meeting of the Reel Club was held at the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon with Dr. G.D.R. Black in the chair. Quite a large number of members attended.

The chairman said the club was sound financially, and he would take it for granted that it had more than justified its existence. Those who had been members of the Reel Club for some years had been very much impressed with the improvement in the dances, and for this, they owed a debt of gratitude to the founders of the club.

The committee was to be congratulated on their year's work in placing the club in such a good position. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. P. Saunderson, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. I.H.C. Hight, had spared no efforts for the welfare of the club, while Mr. T. W. Riddell was to be thanked for auditing the accounts.

Dr. Black said he was sorry to have to place on record the death of one of their most enthusiastic members, Miss N. McNeillie. As a token of respect, he asked the meeting to keep silence for two minutes.

The following committee was elected for the ensuing year:

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Engineers, said that second accused was in his employ from February, 1929 until last July. His pay was \$124.70 per month and he gave written notice on July 22.

Replying to Mr. D'Almada, witness said he was generally satisfied with accused and had occasion to reprimand him only once, that being in July last for slackness.

Mr. J. A. D'Almada, clerk in the G.P.O., said he had known second accused for about 12 years and knew the whole family. Second accused and his brother lived at No. 6, Calne Road.

Answering Mr. D'Almada, witness said that during the time he had known second accused he had come to the conclusion he was trustworthy. Witness said he had not noticed that accused had difficulty in getting his words out when he spoke.

The hearing was adjourned.

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## GOLD STANDARD DECISION.

(Continued from Page 2.)

ties but because of excessive withdrawal of deposited capital, quite different thing from being forced off the gold standard with an unbalanced budget and uncontrolled inflation.

The Government's belief that the present exchange difficulties will prove only temporary is generally shared in informed unofficial quarters, and the decision has been received with complete calm everywhere.

The precautionary closing of the stock exchanges has left ordinary banking business uninterrupted, and it is proceeding quite normally.

Effect on Commodities.

One of the repercussions of the gold standard decision was a general improvement in commodity prices.

Rubber was active, the spot price rising to 2 1/2 pence a lb. against 2 5/16 on Saturday.

The metal markets and quotations of other commodities also improved substantially. The prices of futures on the Liverpool cotton exchange rose nearly a half-penny a lb. at the opening, the price being therefore just over four-pence a lb., which is the highest since the sensational fall on August 10.

This increase is a natural consequence of the bank rate advance.

Nominal Exchange Rates.

On the foreign exchange market the few rates quoted were purely nominal. No actual business was done.

Dollars were quoted at 4.40, and French francs at 110.15.

Price of Gold.

At a meeting of the London clearing bankers, the rate on deposits at seven days' notice in the city and county of London was fixed at 4 per cent. The price of gold has been fixed at a nominal quotation of 84s. 9 3/4d., per ounce fine. Saturday's price was 84s. 11 3/4d.

Canadian Attitude.

Ottawa, Sept. 21.

The Premier, Mr. Bennett, commenting on the British decision, said Canada purposed to maintain the gold standard.

An emergency meeting of directors of the Montreal stock exchange has decided to close trading to-day, pending developments.

—*Reuter's American Service.*

French Practice.

Paris, Sept. 21.

Newspapers of all shades of opinion express admiration for the British people's courage in facing the crisis.

The *Matin* says the French Government is urgently considering what measures should be taken. M. Flaminio, the Finance Minister, is summoning a meeting of experts this morning, including some who have been recalled from Geneva.

The Bank of France holds twelve milliards five hundred millions of francs in deposits in London.

—*Reuter.*

France Offers Help.

Later.

"The French Government is following the British situation very closely, and has spontaneously offered to help the British Government," was the statement made by M. Laval after conferring with the Finance Minister, M. Flaminio.

The latter was very busy this morning conferring with other officials.

Customers of the British bank requiring accommodation were offered 100 francs to the £, but were advised to exchange as few pounds sterling as possible, as a better rate is expected when events have settled down.

Later.

Provisional quotations of sterling to-day ranged between 112 and 115 francs to the £. Quotations later were suspended officially.—*Reuter.*

Widespread Reaction.

Geneva, Sept. 21.

The bourses at Zurich, Geneva and Bale have decided to suspend quotations of sterling provisionally. In the early stages the quotations showed a drop of nearly 12 per cent.

The Vienna, Brussels, Stockholm and Oslo stock exchanges have also closed.—*Reuter.*

German Bourses Close.

Berlin, Sept. 21.

The German stock exchanges and metal bourses were closed to-day.—*Reuter.*

Effect in Holland.

Amsterdam, Sept. 21.

A momentous meeting will be held in the Netherlands Bank this morning between the management of the Bank and the Board of the Stock Exchange to decide whether the Bourse should be closed owing to the situation in Britain.

The decision of the British Government will not be without its serious consequences on the Amsterdam market.—*Reuter.*

Later.

It was subsequently decided to close the Stock Exchange.—*Reuter.*

Indian Decision.

London, Sept. 21.

Addressing the Federal Structure Committee of the Round Table, Sir Samuel Hoare, dealing with the suspension of the gold standard, said in relation to India that to follow gold, and so increase the sterling value of the rupee, was at present out of the question. It has therefore been decided to maintain the present currency standard on a sterling basis.

Sir Samuel Hoare appealed to patriotic Indians to stand by the rupee, so as to prevent a break in exchange, on which the structure of Indian finance was built.

Foreign Nervousness.

Sir Samuel Hoare declared, "Britain's system of national finance is as sound and honest as any in the world, and the inherent productive powers of the nation are almost limitless. The way had already been paved for a revival of confidence in this country when the crisis broke upon us, precipitated by the action not of British citizens but of other nations, nervous as to the conditions in their own countries, and ignorant of the true position of Great Britain. For a temporary period, therefore, this country will be obliged to protect itself.

The case must, however, be viewed in its true proportions. At a moment when almost every other country is faced with a large deficit, Great Britain is balancing her budget. The burdens are being willingly shouldered by the taxpayer."—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

Calcutta Effect.

Calcutta, Sept. 21.

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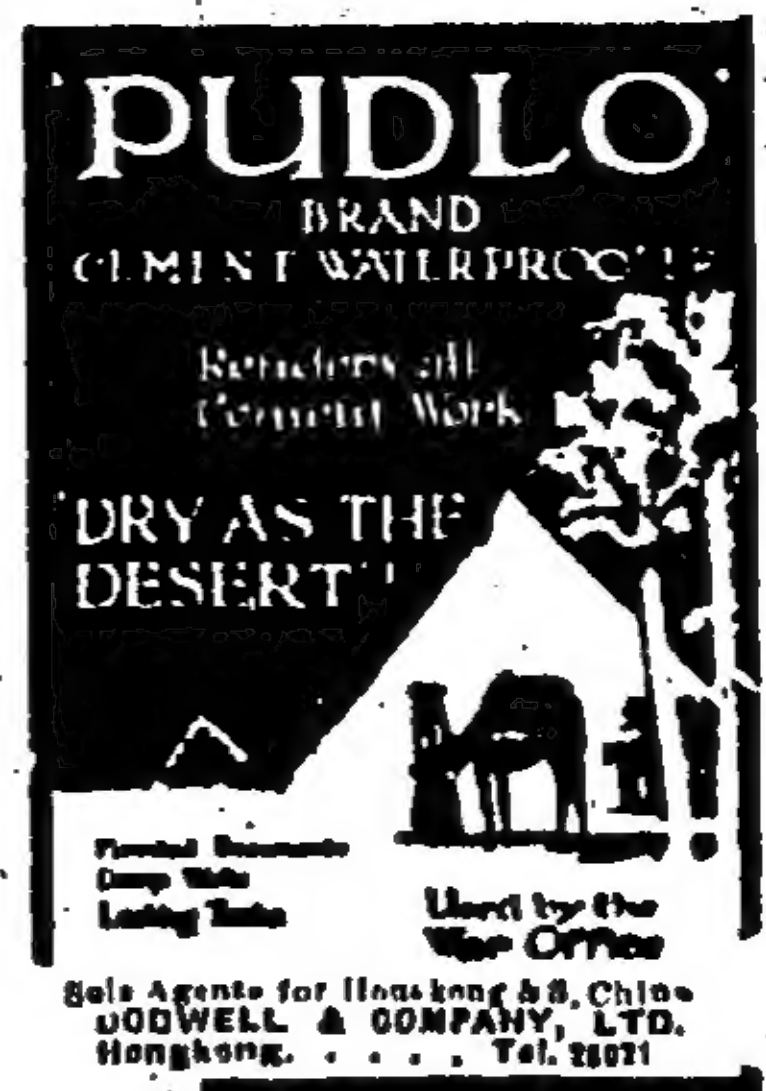
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## DRAMATIC COMMONS SCENE IN GOLD STANDARD DEBATE.

(Continued from Page 1.)  
ing necessity of concerted action, and the British Government would miss no opportunity of urging the importance of a conference on this problem.

Britain's postwar financial record, declared Mr. Snowden, was an honourable one.

"We set an example, both as to meeting our obligations and helping reconstruction, and if we fail, it is because the undertaking was too heavy."

"It does not seem to me that other countries can challenge our endeavours. We exported to America during and immediately after the war, actual gold to the value of \$322,000,000 to discharge our obligations."

"We funded our war debts to the United States and under the settlement we have paid \$280,000,000, representing nearly thirty per cent. of the debt at the date of funding."

With regard to France, the War Loan made by the British Government to France, after deducting offsets, amounted at the date of funding to \$600,000,000 on which the British taxpayer has been paying approximately thirty million pounds a year in interest."

Now France and the United States have acquired three quarters of the entire gold in the world and, in their vaults, it is largely sterilised and useless for the purpose of promoting international trade.

To make an historical statement was not, Mr. Snowden insisted, to overlook the help recently received by Britain from France and the United States, and he went on to pay a warm tribute to those countries and particularly to the French bankers who had maintained their London balances practically intact.

Suspension of the gold standard was a necessity, the Chancellor explained, not because of any disorder in internal finance, but solely by reason of the pressure in exchange.

By balancing the budget we had made the internal position secure. It was vital to maintain that position.

Externally, the initial effect of their action might be serious, but it would be temporary, and those with confidence in sterling would not find their confidence misplaced.

Apart from sales due to temporary nervousness, there was no reason why sterling should depreciate to any substantial extent, or for any length of time, provided the finances of the country were administered with proper care.

With a balanced budget, there was no danger of uncontrolled inflation. The country could face the position with calm confidence.

Britain's ultimate resources were great and the Government would watch the situation carefully.

Other Peoples' Responsibility.  
At the same time, said Mr. Snowden, we are entitled to look for some recognition by creditor countries of their responsibility for the present situation.

Possibly the present crisis will pave the way to better international co-operation, but the immediate effects might be at least as serious to countries depending on London as to ourselves, and notwithstanding the risk of a temporary dislocation of the machinery of international credit, he hoped sterling would continue to serve as a medium of international trade.

The world must, however, learn that the existing economic system could not be maintained if everybody tried to maintain it by liquidating their investments.

Mr. Snowden concluded with an appeal for unity and on a note of firm confidence.

"We must get together as a nation and set to work to build up a position anew. The question of the adverse trade balance will have to be dealt with. In the process of rebuilding we may have to adopt many expedients as we did with the Budget, which in other circumstances would be repugnant. If we keep calm, the country's inherent strength will pull it through."

"There is no need for us to print paper. We can face the position with calmness."

Labour Assurance.  
Mr. Arthur Henderson agreed that there was no need for panic and assured the Government that the Labour Party would do its utmost to avoid doing anything calculated to produce a panic at home or abroad.

Referring to the apprehensions expressed by foreign holders of the Five Per Cent. War Loan 1929-47 that their holdings might be compulsorily converted, Mr. Snowden said that such fears were entirely groundless.

### THE CHANCELLOR BROADCASTS.

LEAVING NOTHING TO CHANCE.

Later.  
While Mr. Ramsay MacDonald found time to make a speech in connexion with the Faraday Centenary, Mr. Philip Snowden, through a microphone installed at No. 11, Downing Street, told British listeners-in to gird themselves for the economic fray with cheerfulness for sterling would not go the way of the Mark or the Franc.

The British Budget was now, he said, the most securely balanced Budget in the world. There was no longer any risk of internal inflation, though the value of sterling might fall in terms of foreign currency.

We can feel assured that the extent of the fall will be limited.

The result, he agreed, was likely to be that British people would have to pay slightly higher prices for the things we buy from abroad.

Cost of Living.  
Imported foodstuffs, raw materials, enter so largely into the articles we consume that we must expect to see, over the next few months, some rise in the cost of imported goods, but the rise is not likely to be very large.

So far as the great mass of the

people is concerned, that really is the worst we have now to fear.  
I want to say most emphatically that there is not the slightest cause for the least anxiety about the money you have in the banks or the saving banks. It is perfectly safe. Avoid panic. Panic can spread without reason with serious consequences.

The Government has made exhaustive inquiries to-day and we find that we are well stocked in the country with supplies of all the essentials of life. There is not the least danger of a shortage of food, or anything else. There is not the slightest justification for any rise in prices at the present time.

The crisis is far more due to troubles in other countries than in our own.

Britain had a financial and banking system, the strength and soundness of which was above suspicion. No-one, anywhere in the world, had the slightest fear that the leading British banks would be unable to meet their obligations to the full, but that was not true of all banks abroad where bank failures were a common occurrence.

Foreign banks, fearful of their own position, had been removing the money they had deposited in London.

Cool Heads Needed.  
Let us keep cool heads and steady nerves.

The man who attempts to profiteer out of the present situation commits a particularly contemptible crime which will be sharply dealt with.

Sterling is not going to get out of hand. We still have large resources which can be employed to check an excessive fall.

The pound may remain a little while below the level to which it will later recover and anyone trying to sell pounds for foreign currency will probably find he will lose on the transaction.

Fully Prepared.  
We anticipate no serious developments, but the Government is determined to leave nothing to chance. We are prepared for every possible contingency.

Britain will emerge from this crisis as she has emerged from still graver emergencies, namely, stronger and more prosperous than before.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

Amsterdam, Sept. 21.  
The Stock Exchange will re-open for business to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

New York Decision.  
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With a view to stopping the practice which largely contributed to the hammering of sterling last week, the Government Committee of the Stock Exchange has resolved, in consequence of the serious emergency, to forbid short selling.

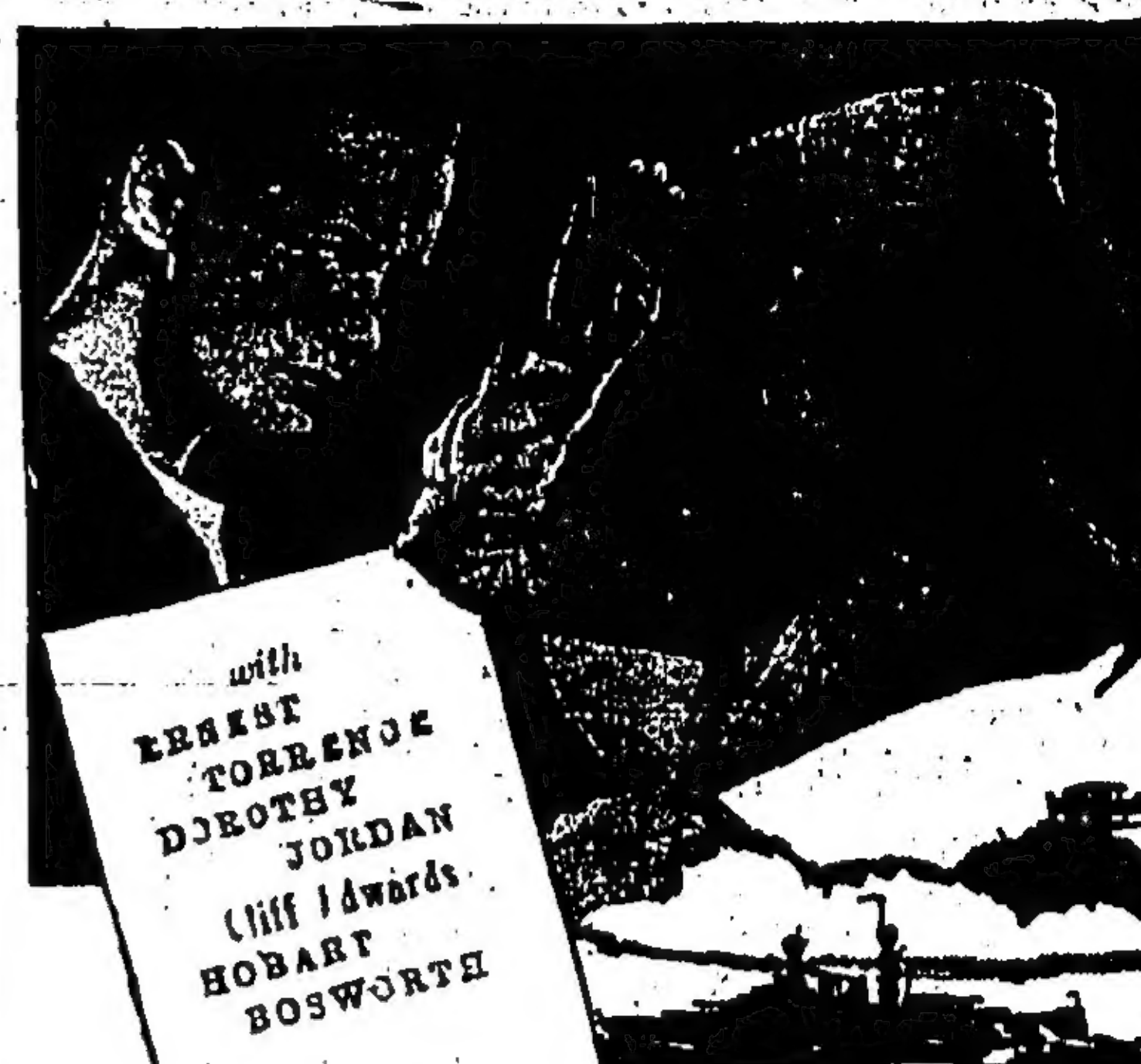
While banking circles maintain that concerted action to support the market is unnecessary, it is understood that professional operators are prepared to co-operate in keeping trade orderly.

The Stock Exchange opened with a general slump, the principal issues falling from one to five points. The notable exception was—United States Steel, which advanced a quarter.

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AMUSEMENT CO.  
REPORT.  
DIVIDEND & BONUS  
PROPOSED.

The directors' report of the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., for the year ended 31st March, 1931, states:  
The profit for the year after providing for Depreciation of \$25,208.72 amounts to \$111,638.10, which with the amount brought forward from the previous year, viz., \$48,639.94, amounts to \$160,268.04.

This the Directors recommend be appropriated as follows:—  
Place to "Legal" Reserve in Accordance with the Articles of Association, \$5,581.91; Place to General Reserve, \$40,000; Bonus to Staff, \$8,000; Dividend of \$2.00 per Share on Fully Paid-up Shares (Pro-Rata for the 1931 issue as from date of Payment), \$40,148.52; Bonus of \$0.50 per Share on Fully Paid-up Shares (Pro-Rata for the 1931 issue as from date of Payment), \$13,355.60; leaving to be carried forward to Credit of Next Account, \$44,183.01.

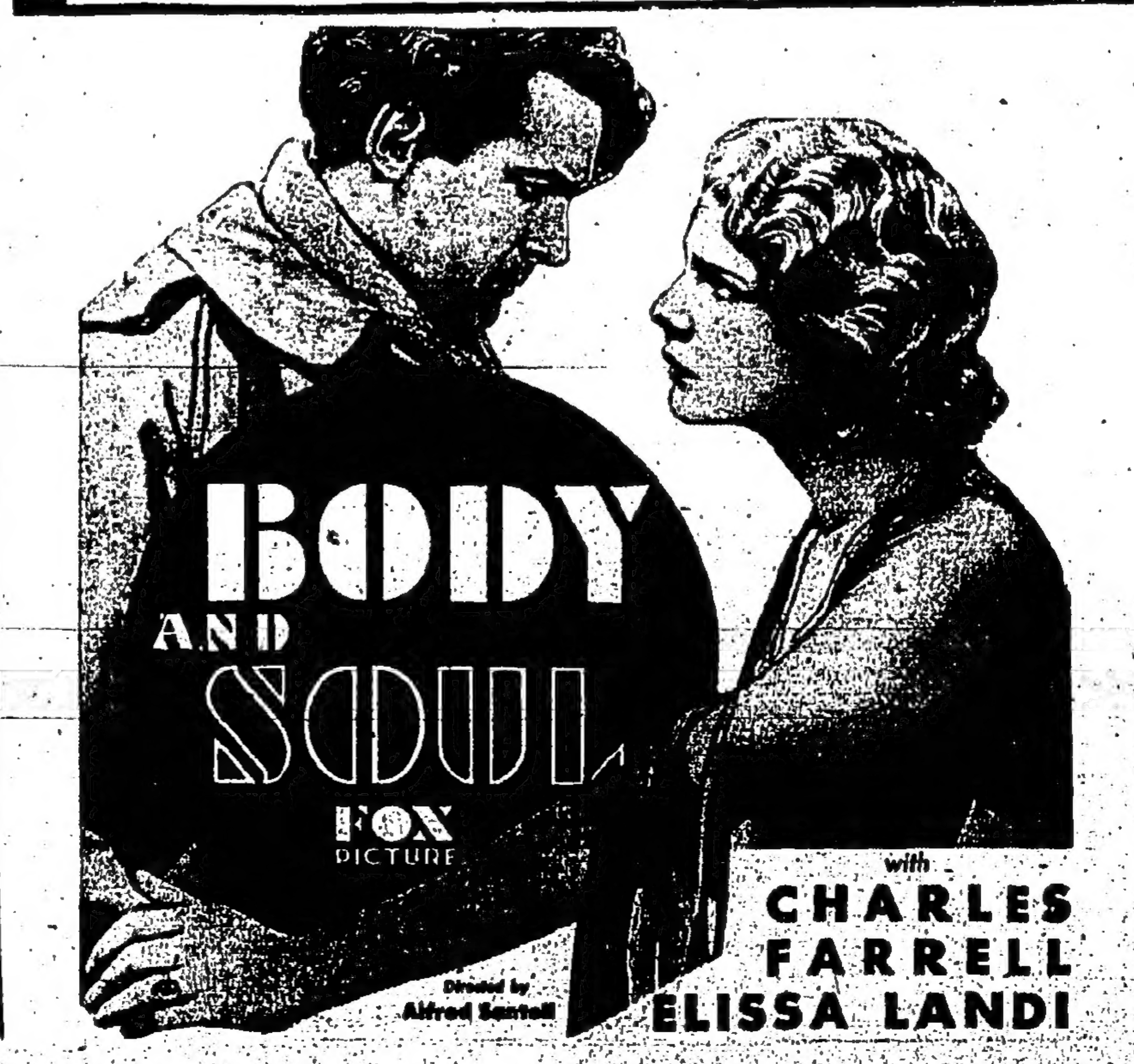
BAN ON "SALOME"  
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OSCAR WILDE'S PLAY TO  
BE PERFORMED.

London, Sept. 16.  
It is announced to-day that after a 40-years' ban, Oscar Wilde's famous play, "Salome," is to be performed publicly in London. It will be presented at the Savoy Theatre at the end of September.

Probably no play in the history of the English theatre has been the subject of such bitter controversy. Theatrical managers for two generations tried vainly to persuade the Lord Chamberlain to remove the ban.

The present Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Cromer, has yielded, after attending a private performance arranged by those interested in the forthcoming production. Among the famous actresses who ardently desired to appear in the role of Salome were Sarah Bernhardt and Eleonora Duse. The case for the performance at the Savoy has not yet been decided.

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